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Over the ridge, a 21st century war rages. Here, it's a biblical tragedy'

gone out, and the darkness in Malina Mala on the has obscured the details of clothes and shoes, it is impossible to tell what country or even what century you are in. pected last night, Malina Mala Malina Mala is the village at the end of Macedonia - a few hun-storey structures of stone and dred yards to the north, over the wood, in which the lower floor ridge, is Kosovo, where who is given over to workshops and know what is taking place. At animals. Every available space h night, the soldiers guarding is now occupied by refugees, the border peer over onto the and there is no more shelter to plain below and watch the fires be had. - the exploding bombs of the But, by the skin of its teeth. Mais waged over the ridge, a me-against the walls where blackacting itself out.

It takes the form of a procession: a long straggling parade of people and animals which begins at dusk and continues for most of the night. The lucky ones come in on squat ponies, lashed with bags and blankets, staggering lamely

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□ But most of them have walked here, for eight, ten, twelve hours or more - people of all ages and professions, in leather

_ jackets, overcoats and shawls. In front of the first house in a the town they stop, and the men light cigarettes and talk quietly. There are hundreds of them outside, thousands more in the houses, but only two sounds make any impression: overhead, the distant supersonic roar of invisible Nato jets, and

on the road the crying of babies. Malina Mala has been swamped, and even the people in the village have lost count. On Saturday some 3,000 refugees arrived this way: by yesterday morning, the locals were saying that the same number again had arrived with more ex- ed that the ill-defined border

AFTER MOST of the lights have BY RICHARD LLOYD PARRY Kosovo-Macedonia border

has 60 houses, simple two-

In the school, where many of Nato planes, and the villages the women and children are torched by the Serbian police. quartered, it is standing room only - there are bodies in the lina Mala is part of Macedonia corridors, under and on top of and here, as a 21st century war the tables, pressed up hard dieval, almost Biblical, scene is boards and maps still hang. The mosque is full of sleeping men; in the house where our small group finally finds room, there are more than 50 people. And when we wake up in the morning there are a few hundred or so men standing and hunching around fires. It is snowing.

In Skopje, the capital of Macedonia, the aid agencies are asking themselves where the refugees have gone, and the answer is here. By some unfathomable caprice of the Serbian army, the official border crossings between Kosovo and Macedonia - at Jazhince, Tabanovce and Blace - have been virtually deserted. Instead of allowing their victims through these places, where refugee camps, medical care, and a registration system have been prepared, they are squeezing them out, drop by human drop, across the bitter mountain terrain, to Malina Mala, one of the places in Macedonia least able to shelter them.

Even the journey from Skopje gives you some idea of what these people have been through, for on Monday when we made our attempt, there was no way in but to walk. There is a road to Malina - a terrible road, but accessible by Jeep. But ours was turned back five miles from the village, at a command post operated by the Macedonian police. On Sunday, two days of aid was successfully brought through by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP); on Monday even they were turned back by the border guards, who insist-



A boy with his sister yesterday riding into Malina Mala, the first village in Macedonia reached by the procession of refugees crossing the ridge from Kosovo Tom Pilston

we walked.

country. The first is the scale of the task which Nato forces face, if and when they finally do and rise in ankle-twisting de- and notebooks, we arrived

road was too dangerous. An- scents and exhausting climbs. other road, blocked by snow. The mountains are forested. skirts the opposite ridge safe- and the rough tracks pass bely inside Macedonia. From here neath rocky overhangs and blind slopes, perfect terrain Two thoughts occur to you as for ambushes and guerrilla deyou travel through this kind of fence tactics. The second thought is of the Kosovar Al-

banian refugees. After three hours of walking, invade Kosovo. The valleys fall burdened only with cameras

hence the bulging suitcases, and above all the human cargo

of the sick, elderly and disabled. There are so many stories here that it would take years to make an account of them all. In the school, I saw a smartly-

speechless with exhaustion. But dressed man on crutches, a the refugees know that any- woman nine months pregnant, thing they do not carry with numerous tiny babies, and men them they will lose forever - and women so old that they could barely stand. The local villugged across hills and rivers. lagers, all of them ethnic Albanians, spoke of finding people with amputated limbs struggling through the mud. Yesterday, six old people were

unaccounted for. TURN TO PAGE THREE

Eight injured in school shootout

GUNMEN once more brought BY MARY DEJEVSKY terror to an American school vesterday, sparking a massive police operation.

Eight students were shot and seriously wounded when two youths, dressed in black and wearing ski masks, walked into Columbine High School, in the Denver suburb of Littleton, and opened fire. Hand grenades were also thrown. A local television station, KUSA-TV, reported that the injured students were taken to hospitals in the area. One female student was said to have nine

gunshot wounds to the chest. As many as 17 students were thought to have been taken hostage by the gunmen.

saw two men dressed in black anguish as she spoke.

in Washington

trench coats and armed with shotguns - or even machine guns - roaming through the school firing at people and throwing fire bombs.

A student, identified as Janine, told KCNC-TV: "They had black trench coats on. They were shooting people and throwing grenades and stuff. We just walked out and they started shooting people... We saw like three people get shot. They were just shooting, they didn't care who they shot at. They were just shooting."

"We didn't think it was real Several witnesses told local and then we saw blood," she television reporters that they said. Her voice broke with



Columbine High School in Littleton, Denver, where gunmen opened fire yesterday

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One student, Kristin Car- a white male shooter. She said down". A parent, Kim Sander, down at students. Some girls said: "My daughter called me came back to pick up lal girl but over half-hour ago, said it was the girl did not move."

bole, said she saw "kids go he was on a ledge shooting an explosion and fire. Steve Davis, a spokesman for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, said. "We do have

heard and some fire in the school." Ambulances and police cars were arriving at the school around lunchtime, as a special operations team was Jonathon Ladd said he saw

injuries... right now all I've got is there have been several

shots fired, some explosions

students running and heard shots ricocheting off lockers.

Columbine High is in the middle-class suburb of Littleton, population 35,000, southwest of Denver. It opened in 1973 and has an enrollment of about 1,800.

Last school year, a series of school shootings at schools in Pearl. Mississippi. Jonesboro. Arkansas, West Paducah, Kentucky: and Springfield, Oregon, shocked the nation.

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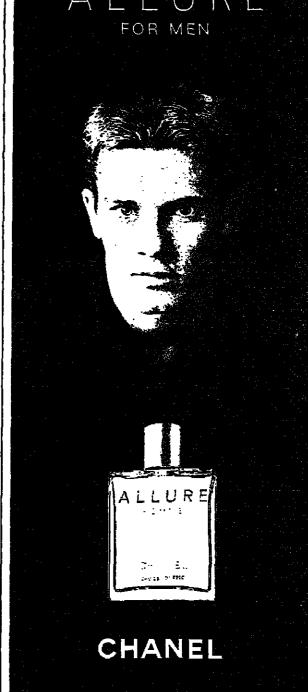
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"Nato's bombs and missiles are intended to destroy the world order created after WWII, and to found an order on brute force" Patriarch Alexiy II, head of

the Russian Orthodox Church

"Heaven only knows what we will find when we go into Kosovo ... my generation never thought to see those scenes in Europe again"

Tony Blair at Nato HQ

"How could Milosevic be put in charge of Kosovo given all that has happened? It would be like putting the fox back in charge of the chickens"

Senior British diplomat

"There are some members of the Labour Party saying outrageous things defending what Serbia is doing ... They are a disgrace to the Labour Party" Clare Short MP

"We are fighting for the values of civilisation, of justice ... We are proud of you and you

should be proud of yourselves" Tony Blair to Nato military chiefs

"We are determined that those responsible for turning Kosovo into a slaughterhouse should be

Nato 'cannot help trapped Albanians'

STRATEGY

By STEPHEN CASTLE in Brussels

TONY BLAIR has admitted Nato is powerless to help 850,000 displaced Albanians now trapped in the hills and forests of Kosovo and coming under Serb attack. Mr Blair said yesterday

that Nato warplanes had hit tanks and armoured vehicles in Kosovo used in President Slobodan Milosevic's campaign of ethnic cleansing, but he con-ceded that the alliance could do little for the refugees except to press on with its four-week air

"We're deeply worried about the people inside Kosovo. The only chance they have got, however, is [for us] to make our campaign successful. There is literally nothing more that they need than making sure that our campaign is successful."

The Prime Minister appeared to spell out Nato's war aims in the clearest terms yet when he said said the air campaign would continue until Mr Milosevic "steps down".

ed no deal could be struck with Mr Milosevic. Asked what solution there might be to the Balkan impasse, he replied: "I see the solution very simply. We carry on until he [Mr Milosevic] does step down. He has got to

yield to Nato demands." Nato's official war aims do not extend to the removal of the Yugoslav President, and aides to the Prime Minister later described his words as a verbal slip. A spokesman for Mr Blair said: "He is not signalling a new military objective. He is signalling that Milosevic must step down from what he is

doing in Kosovo. Asked in Washington about Mr Blair's statement, the US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, said the removal of Mr Milosevic was not "a goal of US policy" and that there must have been a "garble" in what

Mr Blair said. Jamie Shea, Nato's spokes-

Describing the air war as a man, said simply that the air "just cause" Mr Blair suggest- campaign will continue until the campaign will continue until the Yugoslav President "backs down". One source said those were the words that Mr Blair had meant to use.

However, the French Foreign Minister, Hubert Vedrine. appeared to agree with Mr Blair. In an interview with the International Herald Tribune he called for an end, in the longterm. to Mr Milosevic's rule.

Mr Vedrine said: "Our general goal is to see ex-Yugoslavia become democratic. That means a change of regime".

Mr Blair declined to rule out the use of ground troops at a later stage, while holding out little prospect of the immediate relief of the displaced Albanians trapped inside Kosovo.

"To see people herded on to trains and taken away from their homes and to hear the stories the refugees have come back from Kosovo with - and heaven only knows what we shall find when we go into

HIGH TIDES

AIR QUALITY

SUN & MOON

Tony Blair standing by a rocket and a tank of a Tornado jet as he talks to Wing Commander Tim Anderson of the RAF at Brueggen airbase near the Dutch-German border yesterday Kosovo - to hear those is to cleansing, women raped, young men taken out and murdered," either awaken our conscience and make us act, or it is to say he said. "My generation never we have no conscience and no thought to see these scenes in

> Europe again". On ground troops, the Prime Minister made a distinction between a land force which had to fight its way into Kosovo and one which was uninvited but largely unopposed by the

Serbs. "We have always made clear the difficulties of putting in ground forces as a land force invasion against undegraded, organised Serb resistance," he

"We've also equally made it clear that the international military force is there to allow people back to their homes.

"So it's very important peo-

Hints that Nato is hardening its stand against Mr Milosevic follow comments at the weekend by the US President, Bill Clinton, in which he denounced the "unspeakable violence of Europe's worst demagogue".

ple realise our position on that

remains as it is. But of course

Milosevic doesn't have some

sort of veto on what we do."

brought to justice"

Robin Cook Foreign Secretary

CONFLICT BRIEFING: **DAY 28**

■ Bangladesh has offered to send troops to join any future UN peacekeeping force in Kosovo.

Romania has granted Nato unlimited access to its air space. 🙃 🤃 ■ Greece is taking precautionary measures to minimise any harm the airstrikes may have

on tourism. ■ The German military is planning to send helicopter and communications units to Albania to assist Nato efforts to aid more than 300,000 Kosovar refugees.

■ Germany has contributed £310.000 to a UN agency to help document human rights. abuses in Kosovo. Thousands of Greek Cypriot students walked out of their classes to hurl eggs at the US

embassy to protest the Nato bombings. ■ The racing driver Ralf Schumacher cancelled : a visit to Slovenia yesterday because of its proximity to the conflict over Kosovo. Slovenia is more than 188 miles 🚉

The Dutch government is offering shelter in tent camps in The Netherlands to 1,000 refugees with medical problems.

from Yugoslavia.

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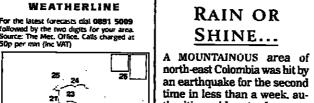
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an earthquake for the second time in less than a week, authorities said yesterday. The National Seismological Institute said the latest

earthquake measured 5.3 on the Richter scale. Its epicentre was located in the Cordillera Oriental mountains. The same region was hit last Wednesday with an earthquake registering 6.3.

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Secret dossier on war crimes. handed to UN

BRITAIN HANDED a dossier of spy material to UN war crimes investigators yesterday, laying the groundwork for bringing to justice Serbs ac-

cused of atrocities in Kosovo. The dossier, one of the largest releases of intelligence from this country, was passed to Judge Louise Arbour, the chief prosecutor of the International War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, when she met Robin Cook in London. The Foreign Secretary promised

more to come. Details of more than 80 incidents, including sites of mass graves, had been gathered by British officials including diplomats in Belgrade. Much of the information will be kept secret for the time being to protect sources and prevent Serbian authorities from destroying or hiding evidence.

Mr Cook said: "It is a rare step to release intelligence material. We have taken it because we are determined that those responsible for turning Kosovo into a slaughterhouse should be brought to justice."

Slobodan Milosevic has embarked on a " final solution" in Kosovo, Mr Cook said, with more than a million people fleeing Serb death squads " who have burned, raped and shot their way through Kosovo". Names of those believed to

commanders will be given to Ms Arbour. Political leaders, including Mr Milosevic could also be indicted, Mr Cook said.

We want to be sure that those brought to justice are not only the thugs who committed the crimes but those who gave the orders," he added. "We will go on collating further intelligence as the horror unfolds and passing it to the tribunal.

"There will be no hiding place for those responsible for. mass murder, mass rape, mass

The information includes allegations of rape camps set up near Diakovica, rapes of 30 women in Globocica; massacre of more than 500 people in villages in the Orahovac area: another massacre of 70 at Pastasel, near Pristina and a Serb helicopter attack on a group of refugees in Prizren, which killed 40.

Ms Arbour's tribunal, which has already indicted General Ratko Mladic and the paramilitary leader Arkan (real name is Zeljko Raznjatovic) for war crimes in Bosnia, is also interviewing refugees.

She said: "We will take the cases to court on the basis of admissible, credible evidence that will support the charges ... at any level." Germany is giving \$500,000 (£300,000) to the UN High Commission for Human Rights to help finance the documenting of human rights abusing the policy, including six es to be passed to the tribunal.



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Serbs cross border to kill refugees

MONTENEGRO By MARCUS TANNER

SERBIA HAS deployed paramilitary death squads into minury ocan symmetry in a minury ocan manager to neighbouring Montenegro to hunt down and kill Albanians who have fled there from the terror in Kosovo. One month into the alliance air campaign there are signs that Serbia is moving fast to tighten its stranglehold on Yugoslavia's rebellious junior republic.

At least six Albanian refugees who thought they had found some security in border villages inside the republic were killed this week by "unidentified uniformed police" who crossed over from Serbia and shot them.

The government of the pro-Western republic, which with Serbia forms Federal Yugoslavia but opposes Presidsent Slobodan Milosevic, yesterday sent the deputy *Cl'et dossi prime minister to investigate the killings.

"This is evidently a war crime, a crime against hu-War Crim on reaching the alleged mas-acre site at Rozaje, near the manity," Dragisa Burzan said border with Kosovo. Mr Burzan said he would insist that Serbia said he would insist that Serbia handed over the troops responsible for trial in the Montenegrin capital, Podgorica.

The outburst against Yugoslav federal forces was unprecedented but there is scant

JUSTICE

of Montenegro are virtually powerless to stop 9-millionstrong Serbia from taking over their tiny coastal republic.

The Montenegrin newspaper Vijesti said a woman aged 70 and a 13-year-old boy were among the six victims killed near Rozaje but refugees and local residents told the newspaper they believed the Serbs troops had killed many more people. They added that the Yugoslav army had brought heavy artillery into the area.

They also said Serb police and soldiers - in flagrant violation of Montenegro's sovereignty - were ethnically cleansing a whole string of villages on the Montenegrin border with Kosovo.

"The government will discuss the issue today," the Social Affairs Minister, Predrag Drecun, said in Podgorica. "Montenegro did not participate in the creation of this war and I do not believe any Montenegrin wants violence here."

The republic's pro-Western government, led by Milo Djukanovic, has already exhausted Belgrade's patience by obstinately refusing to denounce Nato's bombing campaign, and by giving refuge to at least 60,000 Albanians whom the Serbs had driven out of



army seized control of Montenegro's land border with Croatia and closed the frontier crossing. At the same time, several hundred Serbian soldiers were reported to have poured into the UN-patrolled demilitarised zone between Croatia and Montenegro, prompting Zagreb to lodge an official complaint to the UN Se-

curity Council. Croatian sources said the country might respond to the Yugoslav army intrusion by moving its own forces into the demilitarised zone as well. That could trigger a worse nightmare for Nato - renewed fight-Crnatia and

Yesterday the Yugoslav Yugoslavia, who went to war in 1991 after Croatia declared its independence.

> The Podgorica government also said Belgrade had confronted it yesterday with a demand for control over Montenegro's police force to be handed over to the Yugoslav army. That would effectively end Montenegro's autonomy within Yugoslavia as well as striking terror into the hearts of the Albanian refugees in the republic, who have so far been shielded by the Montenegrin police from Serbian ethnic

cleansing. Tension in Podgorica is already so high that the govern- the physical power to extin-

stationed police marksmen on the roof tops of government buildings and the local television station, to protect them in the event of a coup staged by

the Yugoslav army.

But if Mr Milosevic does stage a military coup against Montenegro the key figure is already in place. At the beginning of the conflict with Nato, the Yugoslav President replaced Radoslav Martinovic as commander of the 2nd Army in Montenegro with Milorad Obradovic, a strong Serb nationalist known to be loyal to Belgrade.

While Serbia certainly has

and install a more obedient government, a coup would certainly -in the long term strengthen pro-independence feeling in the republic, which has been on the rise for several vears.

Montenegrins have a proud tradition of resisting outside invaders that dates back to the long centuries when their tiny state, whose name means "Black Mountain", held out against the Ottoman empire. In 1918 the country was fiercely divided into two factions, known as the greens and the whites, over plans to merge their kingdom with Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia to form the new state

reconciled to the forced exile of their royal family and the loss of their independence. Today their political descendants are bitter about the way that Serbia's confrontational policies have ruined their hopes of forging closer ties to the West.

But a coup against Montenegro would stun public opinion in Serbia, too. The Serbs see the Montenegrins as family, and as fellow members of the Serbian Orthodox Church, all in all as very different from Catholic Croats, or Muslim Bosnians and Albanians. Most would be traumatised to see Serbs fighting the one nation that they thought they could count on in a c

'Boys forced to give blood'

ATROCITIES By MARCUS TANNER

THE WESTERN alliance accused the Serbian army yesterday of setting up rape camps for ethnic Albanian women and forcing young Albanian boys to donate blood for Serb casualties.

The Nato spokesman Jamie Shea also said men from Kosovo were being used as human shields for Serb tanks and were made to dig mass graves to bury fellow refugees killed by Serbs during "ethnic cleansing" operations.

Mr Shea's account was one of the most comprehensive summaries of allegations of atrocities provided by the alliance. None of the information can be independently confirmed because Serbia has banned Western journalists from Kosovo, except when they are brought in under Serb escort for hand-picked events. Most of it comes from refugees or from Kosovo guerrillas using satellite phones.

Mr Shea said many refugees told of rapes in the western Kosovo towns of Pec and Djakovica. Women sent to an army camp near Djakovica soldiers, he said. In Pec, the headquarters of the Serbian church, Serb forces had turned a hotel into a brothel imprisoning Albanian women.

"The commander apparently has organised a roster of his soldiers to allow them all an evening at the hotel," he said.

Refugees also said the Serbs had taken hundreds of boys as young as 14 "either to use as human shields or as blood banks for Serb casualties".

Others said 700 men had heen used as human shields last week near the town of Oraboyac in central Kosovo, "The ethnic Albanian men were forced to stand in front of tanks in the rain for two days with their hands tied behind their heads," Mr Shea said. "A few escaped by paying the soldiers 10,000 Deutschmarks.

"These atrocity reports are too numerous to suggest they

'Now we take your money, next it will be your lives'

FROM PAGE ONE

The fate of these people illustrates once again the most frightening thing about the Serb programme: its systematic nature. This is what happened: on 5 April, from various accounts gathered in the past two days, three men were executed by Serb police in the village of Lubozhde, close to the town of Vitina, 10 miles over the border. Their names were Mustafe Shema, Muhamet Muharremi and Xhemajl Ademi, aged 32, 28 and 20 respectively. No one I spoke to the men were seen being chased by police and later their bodies were found by the river with a single bullet wound through each temple.

Lubishde was already swollen with refugees from eight nearby villages, which had been mortared by the Serbs - its population of 2,025 had grown to 5,000. The police came back and started ransacking houses and stealing valuables on the pretext of searching for guns. They took tractors and confiscated car keys. That night, a group of villagers decided to leave for Macedonia but, close to the border, they were fired upon by Serbs, and a child was wounded.

For 10 days, they stayed in



the village. "We slept with our clothes on every night, expecting the Serbs to break in," said the village's doctor (like most of the people, the doctor did not want to be named). "We lived in terror. We heard voices talking outside the house and those nights we spent without sleep."

Last Friday, the military police came back, asking for villagers who had been active in Kosovo politics. "The food reserves were nearly at an end, and I couldn't treat people any more because I had no medicine," said the doctor. On Friday evening, the village collectively decided to move.

The Serbs taunted them as they left. "They shouted, You asked for Nato – so why isn't Nato helping you now?' and

one woman. Many of the refugees were robbed of money and valuables. "They threatened to kill us if we didn't hand it over," said Abdullah Bilalli. who arrived on Monday night from the village of Begunc. "There were cases of people losing two, three, four, ten, twenty thousand Deutschmarks. They said, 'Now we take your money; next time we will take your lives'." But even after they had struggled to the border, their problems

were not over. It is clear why the Macedonian police do not welcome journalists into Blace. For the first day at least, they treated the refugees with callous aggression. "The Macedonians kept us sitting in the rain for two hours," said one father of two small children, who called himself Hazir. "They hit us, and pretended they were going to fire their guns at us, and said they'd shoot us dead if we tried to cross. We came here seeking shelter. We never thought the Macedonians would do this kind of thing to us."

They were driven back, but eventually found a way across with the help of the Albanians from Malina Mala. The food the WFP brought

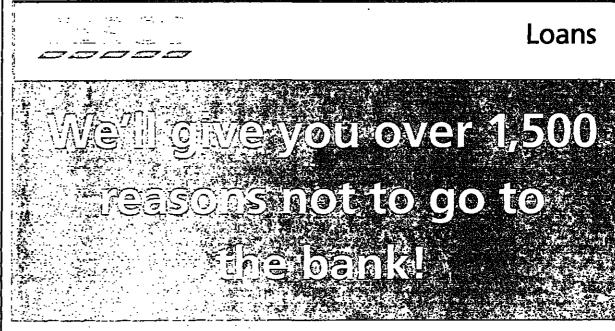
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'Nato is bombing us, so we're was running out yesterday going to destroy you'," said morning. Some of the children have rashes; many of the refugees have hacking coughs. Robert Allemand of Medecins du Monde, the only doctor to make it past the police yesterday, said there were malnutrition cases. The village offers only one kind of protection now: relative security from Serb attack, even if only by a few hundred yards.

Hundreds of thousands of Kosovars lack even that. The refugees in Malina Mala spoke of tens of thousands of their compatriots whose villages were almost certain to be cleared in the next few days. Nato intelligence sources in Skopje are predicting 200,000 refugees making their way to the borders of Albania and Macedonia and likely to arrive over the next 10 days. Another 600,000 to 800,000 are said to be marooned in the hills and villages. It was a desolate thing to drive out of the village yesterday, to look down from the road on to the Kosovo plain and think of those still out there.

Along the road out, a soldier said that Monday night had been the most spectacular so far. "There were bombs and flames everywhere. Kosovo looked like a bonfire."

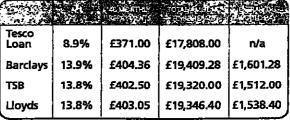
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More than 600,000 Kosovo Albanians have fled or been forced from their homes by the Serbs. Nearly 140,000 are now living in huge refugee camps in Macedonia, while 350,000 are in Albania. About 15,000 refugees have been flown to

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THE RESISTANCE

BY STEVE BOGGAN AND FRON NAZI in Tirana

nic Albanian civilians trapped by the fighting, and to prevent do the job." Yugoslav forces from partitioning the area.

mander in the field, more than forces from completely de-10.000 men are offering fierce populating the region as part resistance in the north to of a potential partition offer. counter any hopes Slobodan Milosevic might harbour of holding on to the mineral-rich they cannot be used as barregion in the event of a peace deal being struck with Nato.

In interviews with The Independent, Xhavit Haliti, the KLA's political spokesman, said that the entire population of Kosovo could be returned to their homes by the end of July if Nato would either deploy ground troops or provide the

He said the KLA was sharing intelligence with Nato, was guiding Alliance aircraft to Serb positions, and was holding three more prisoners of mercenary – inside Kosovo.

Speaking by satellite phone, a KLA commander in the field, who did not wish to be named, said the KLA had been defending 250,000 civilians in the Lapski and Shalja region in the north. "We are doing well, but we are concerned about food and medicines, which are running very low," he said.

Mr Haliti said Serb-free 'safe zones" had been estab-

THOUSANDS OF Kosovo Lib- lished around several areas in eration Army (KLA) troops central Kosovo, "We believe are massing in the north of the we now hold more than oneprovince to defend 250,000 eth- third of Kosovo," he said. "Give us the tools and we will

Along with protecting the Albanian civilians, the KLA is According to a KLA com- trying to prevent Yugoslav

> The strategy is aimed at holding onto these areas, so gaining chips by Milosevic. Kosovo Albanians fear that Belgrade may offer a truce and hand over part of the province in exchange for Kosovo's strategic, economic and historical assets in the north. These include valuable mines and sites of religious importance to the Serbs.

> At the back of the KLA's mind is the precedent of Bosnia. For several years after ethnic warfare broke out in Bosnia in 1992 the Western powers maintained they would never accept a territorial division of the republic along ethnic lines. But, in 1995, the US-brokered peace deal at Dayton, Ohio, partitioned Bosnia between the Serbs and the Muslim-Croat federation.

> They also know that Milosevic's one-time intellectual mentor, the Serbian writer Dobrica Cosic, has often played with the notion of partitioning Kosovo between



A Kosovo Liberation Army soldier outside a refugee camp yesterday in Kukes,

share of the region, although they comprise only 10 per cent of Kosovo's population.

The KLA believes the Serbs intend to partition Kosovo along a line stretching from the north-western city of Pec to the south eastern region of Krajmoray. Such a line would give the Serbs the capital of the province, Pristina, the major Serbs and Albanians, with the town of Mitrovica, part of the port of Kotor, through the city

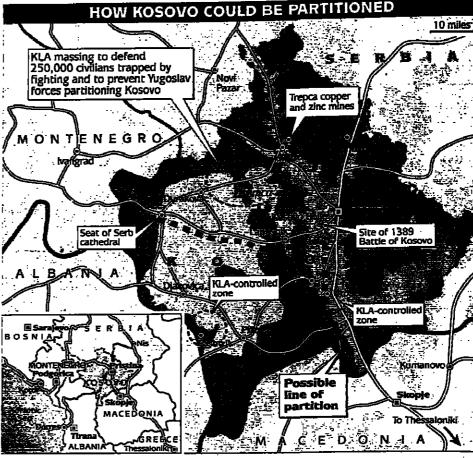
Polje, site of the Serbian battle with the Turks in 1389 and a place with great historical resonance for the Serbs. It is also thought that the Serbs have their eyes on copper and zinc mines in the Shalja area.

Belgrade is also believed to be aiming to secure the major highways that lead west, from Kosovo to the Montenegro

Serbs getting the biggest Drenica region and Kosovo of Pec. By taking the region of Kraj Morave, the Serbs would build a buffer to the highway that skirts Kosovo and leads. via Macedonia, to the Greek port of Thessaloniki.

The total partition plan is believed to envisage an ethnically pure Slav border between Montenegro, Serbia and Macedonia.

Mr Haliti believes the KLA can prevent any such parti-



tion. During an interview at the KLA headquarters in Tirana, he said the Kosovars were making gains and were playing a significant role in the Nato bombardment. "We have been giving details of Serb positions to Nato and, where we target, Nato bombs," he said. "There is an exchange of intelligence. We give it to Nato and we also

receive it.' Mr Haliti revealed that he had met General Wesley Clark, the supreme Allied commander, three times. Each time he had appealed for Nato to intervene on the ground, or to supply the KLA with armour and artillery. It currently has only automatic

weapons and mortars.

equipment requisition list, written in English and bearing the serial number "B1-G2". G2 is an identification code for US military intelligence.

"We are doing well and we have established some safe zones," he said. "We have also been taking prisoners. We are holding two Serbs and a Russian in the town of Pashtrik, which we control. They are officers and are being interrogated and held in accordance with international law. They were all captured in Yugoslav military uniforms." He said the Russian was a mercenary.

"Our main concern is that Nato either ends in ground troops or gives us weapons," he said. "If it gives us Mr Haliti denied the KLA weapons, we believe we can

could follow later. We have been making representations to Nato countries."

The Albanians fear that Nato will never arm the KLA and will eventually be seduced by the offer of a ceasefire. Partition could then follow.

Ylber Hysa, of the Kosovo Action and Civic Initiative, formerly a Pristina-based thinktank, said: "If the West buys into any part of this [Serb] scheme for ending the war. then they will have set a precedent for the region. Aggression will have been rewarded and it will be clear that territories can be divided according to both ethnic and

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Serb tanks wrecked by air strikes

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NATO BOMBERS have destroyed six more Serbian tanks from HMS Invincible, tankers in Kosovo, as Apache tank- and other support aircraft. killing helicopters head for Albania to kickstart the next phase of the air campaign.

Alliance spokesmen said several armoured personnel carriers and other military vehicles were also destroyed in raids on Monday. But commanders are relying heavily on the Apaches to make a

real impact on the situation. Nato has repeatedly shied from giving a running total of tanks hit, but it has given separate briefings on 17 believed "kills". The rate of strikes is increasing, although there is a long way to go before Serb forces are seriously threatened. Analysts say the 40,000 Yugoslav army and special po-

lice in Kosovo, have 300 tank. Warplanes also attacked a FROG short-range surface-toair missile launcher and its support vehicles and some 20 fixed targets including ammunition storage sites, radio relay

stations and a command post. Nato in Brussels reported that Serbian special police in Kosovo were now using tear gas in the Pristina area.

In London, General Sir Charles Guthrie, chief of the defence staff, said Nato had flown a total of 8,000 sorties, of which 2.500 have been attack missions. The RAF has flown about 10 per cent of this, using Harrier GR-7s, Tornados flying on civilians in Kosovo.

General Guthrie said the figures emphasised three points - that a large amount of support flying has to be done to ensure attack flights could be carried out safely, that there was no "quick fix" solution to such a large-scale campaign, and that Nato was pursuing it with "utmost determination".

He added: "We can and will continue with these air strikes until the objectives of the international community have been met and the Kosovar Albanian people can return to their homes"

Alliance aircraft were again targeted by anti-aircraft fire and missile attacks but the attacks were suppressed and no aircraft were hit.

Tony Blair yesterday visited RAF crews at the Bruggen air base in Germany, from where Tornado GR-1 bombers fly against Yugoslavia.

He told them: "I would like to express my thanks and the gratitude of my country and of all the leaders of nations in Nato for the work these crews and the staff are doing in support of

the Nato action. Mr Blair said 50 per cent of Serbia's best fighter planes, the MiG-29s, had been destroyed, along with 25 per cent of its MiG-21s and 30 percent of its Super Galebs, used in attacks

TIMETABLE: **DAYS 27 AND 28**

11am: Thousands of Serbs pray for peace in Beigrade at a service led by the head of the Russian Orthodox

12 noon: In a breakthrough for aid agencies struggling to house eth-nic Albanians from Kosovo, Macedonia agrees to build a new

refugee camp, 12.23pm: The UN refugee agency declares its camps in Macedonia full beyond capacity, leaving 2,000 to 3,000 new arrivals from Kosovo in no man's land.

1.40pm: Britain gives the UN war-crimes chief prosecutor, Louise Arbour, intelligence garnered in Yugoslavia on Serb killings in Kosovo before Nato air strikes

3.15pm: Yugoslav army closes Montenegro's border with Croatia. 4pm: The first of 24 US Apache attack helicopters arrives in Albania, Albanian television reports. 5.16pm: Six US sena-

tors introduce a resolution authorising President Bill Clinton to use "all necessary means" for the US and its allies to meet their goals in Kosovo. 5.53pm: Montenegro's deputy prime minister, Dragisa Burzan, said the Yugoslav army had killed at least six" Kosovar refugees inside Montenegro and wounded an unknown number of other people.

THE BALKAN QUESTION KEY ISSUES BEHIND THE WAR EXPLAINED

Are the Montenegrins Serbs, or a separate nation? The Montenegrins are close relatives of the Serbs and share their Orthodox faith. But for many centuries they had their own state and since 1945 they have been a con-

stituent republic of Yugoslavia. In the early 1990s Montenegro supported Serbia in its wars against Muslim Bosnians and Catholic Croats and the republic made no move to secede from Yu-

Today they are much more

back with nostalgia to the days before 1918, when Montenegro was a separate kingdom under the Petrovic dynasty. At the moment the pro-independence faction is in power but it is feared that the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army may topple them at any moment.

Who still speaks Serbo-Croat?

No one. The hybrid language favoured by Tito's communists has died a dismal death divided. About half strongly in former Yugoslavia, where

favour continuing ties with Ser-bia while the other half looks on calling their virtually indistinguishable languages Ser-

bian, Bosnian and Croatian The Slovenes, Macedonians and Kosovars never spoke it well, if at all, to start with The first two have their own separate Slavic languages while the Kosovars speak Albanian. There are dialects within Albanian but they do not follow international boundaries. In other words, there is no such thing as a specifically "Kosovar" version of Al-

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Straw says sorry for insult to Liverpool

JACK STRAW was forced to apologise vesterday after he caused widespread offence in Liverpool by claiming in a speech about crime that Scousers are always up to something".

The Home Secretary made the comment at the launch of the Government's Crime Reduction Bill in Milton Keynes last Friday. As he outlined crime-cutting plans, he referred to his visit to Liverpool on Monday last week, when he viewed the Alley Gate Scheme in the Edge Hill area. The scheme involves erecting gates around houses to deter burglars.

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Mr Straw told his audience: "I thought, What the devil is this?" You know what Scousers are like, always up to something - please do not repeat that to anyone from Liverpool."

The comments provoked anger and condemnation when they became public yesterday. The leader of Liverpool City

Council, Mike Storey, accused Mr Straw of encouraging discrimination. "Mr Straw has just reinforced prejudiced. stereotypical views of Liverpool people. He should apologise," Mr Storey said.

Mr Straw sought to defuse the row last night, saying: "As an Essex man and a Blackburn supporter I often find myself the butt of jokes.

My comments were meant to be light-hearted. I didn't intend to cause offence, but if anybody was offended by what I said then I offer my apologies." The controversy comes at an mbarrassing time, as Mr

Straw is seeking to encourage a new concept of British citizenship which respects the differences in the population.

Mr Storey said: "Liverpool people can take a joke like everyone else, but this idea, this BY CHERRY NORTON AND IAN BURRELL

view of Liverpool people, like with the TV series Mersey Blues, that crime is a career option on Merseyside - the facts prove that wrong. It's a constant

drip-drip of stereotypical views," Liverpudlians have a strong sense of identity because their strong Irish and Welsh immigrant sub-cultures have given them both a unique accent and a sense of detachment from the rest of the country, social experts said yesterday.

The original stereotype of Scousers as irreverent and humorous - exemplified by The Beatles - has in the past three decades turned into something less appealing. They are now sometimes characterised as lazy, hard-drinking whingers whose principal income comes from theft. This change in perception is perhaps the result of the social and economic hardship endured by Liverpool since the mid-Seventies' decline of the shipping trade, according to one expert.

Michael Billig, professor of social sciences at Loughborough University of Technology. said: "When a community has a strong sense of its own identity, outsiders recognising this, also develop a strong stereotype of what those people are like which is not always true. I don't expect the people who think Liverpudlians steal things have looked at the crime figures and made a value judgement."

Liverpudlians strong sense of community was shown in full force to the rest of the country after the Hillsborough disaster on 15 April, 1989 - and again last week with the tenth anniversary commemoration service for the 96 killed.



The Liver Building at Liverpool pier head, a symbol of the city's once-proud industry

SCOUSERS ANSWER BACK



Anne Robinson, journalist (left): "I think we have such a huge sense of humour I cannot imagine that anyone could be offended. When I heard he had said that, I just wondered who was offended by it. We are intelligent, witty and selfconfident and Scousers would only be offended if they thought he had said something incredibly funny before they thought of it. I have

found it a huge plus coming from Liverpool and I am very proud to be a Scouser.

Stan Boardman, Liverpool comedian: "Once again, it's someone in power having a go at Liverpool, It's something you'd expect from a Tory not a Labour minister. In a league table of thieves, Liverpool wouldn't even qualify for Europe."

Alan Bleasdale, playwright (right): "The last time this man [Bleasdale himself] went down to London on the train, he had all his credit cards stolen at Milton Keynes and someone went around Milton Keynes robbing me soft. But that doesn't mean I think everyone from Milton Keynes is a thief. What Straw said is a patronising cliche



and even if he meant it as a joke, it is still offensive.

Gerry Marsden, who popularised the Liverpool anthem, "You'll Never Walk Alone": "It's just a load of rubbish. Nobody in Liverpool gives a damn what Jack Straw thinks. It's water off a duck's back."



Carla Lane, scriptwriter: "I am sure he meant no harm by it and anyway I think he is right - we are always up to something and may we continue to be. I don't think he meant we are always up to crime; I think he was just trying to be funny and it is very foolish to get uptight about something that was not meant. You have to laugh and

say we have got a little devil in us. We do get unfairly maligned but Liverpool has a lot to be proud of and Scousers need to stop being so quick to take offence."

Mandelson is still close adviser to party chiefs

BY ANDREW GRICE Political Editor

PETER MANDELSON is continuing to act as a close adviser to Tony Blair, despite his resignation from the Cabinet, according to the new biography
of the former secretary of state
for trade and industry

The book suggests that since he stood down last December, Mr Mandelson has played an active role behind the scenes in influencing government policies, even though he has sought role behind the scenes to keep a low public profile. "The Prime Minister con-

in February, urging, as usual, that it should send as clear a message as possible that the message as possible that the Government intended joining Cook, the Foreign Secretary, to the single currency."



Mandelson: Playing a big

The disclosures will alarm tinued regularly to consult him Labour MPs who oppose an in early morning telephone early return to the Cabinet by calls after he had resigned," Mr Mandelson. Some of his says Donald Macintyre's biog- supporters hope Mr Blair will raphy, Mandelson. "He was recall him next year, but his critclosely involved for example, in ics argue that a comeback Blair's Commons statement should be delayed until after the on the EMU [European Mone-next general election. "He tary Union] changeover plans needs to serve his sentence," one minister said yesterday.

It emerged at Westminster use Mr Mandelson as his un-

official envoy to the European Union has been shelved after Gordon Brown has told Mr objections by Joyce Quin, a Foreign Office minister.

However, Mr Mandelson has

representative to a working party set up by Mr Blair and Gerhard Schröder, the German Chancellor, to work out a common, "third way" philosophy. Mr Mandelson came under fire from some Labour MPs for attending a meeting of the Anglo-German group at the Cabinet Office shortly after his resignation. The former minister has since attended an not understand the empathy unpublicised second meeting of and fordness that existed in the the group in Cologne. The Mac previous six years when they intyre book reveals that Mr Mandelson has also attended regular meetings of Labour's early to say" whether the rela-

policy makers "Early in March he slipped into the old Labour stronghold Mandelson can make a sucof Sheffield's neo-Gothic town cessful return to frontline polhall to advise the local Labour group on their forthcoming but at 45 he has one great forelectoral struggle with the resurgent Liberal Democrats," tune. He has a second chance."

A life less ordinary says the book.

Mandelson he is "absolutely confident" he could and would return to government. The two continued to act as Labour's men attempted a reconciliation in January, after their feud was blamed for the disclosure of the £373,000 personal loan from Geoffrey Robinson that cost

Mr Mandelson his cabinet job. At the meeting, Mr Brown said that some of the people "around us" had known them only since the breach in their relationship after the death of John Smith in 1994 They did had worked closely together. Macintyre believes it is "too

tionship can be repaired. The book concludes that Mr ities. "The future is up to him:

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IN BRIEF

Doctor cleared in baby death HILARY EVANS, a 29-year-old junior doctor at Rotherham District General Hospital, South Yorkshire, was found not guilty yesterday of serious professional misconduct by the General Medical Council over the death of a premature

baby after a massive overdose of morphine. Arrests in Irish murder case

SEVERAL ARRESTS were made yesterday in raids by police investigating the murder of Frankie Curry, a Northern Ireland loyalist and former Red Hand Commando chief shot outside a club in west Belfast on St Patrick's Day in a suspected internal loyalist dispute.

Work stakes place in the Dome

Ca cla SOME OF the first attractions visitors to the Millennium Dome will encounter will be a hectoring boss and a clocking on machine. Also on show will be a 100,000-hour clock, representing the average lifetime at work.

Child bomb victim leaves hospital

THE 23-MONTH-OLD boy who had a nail removed from his head after the Brixton bomb blast has left Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, a spokeswoman said.

Body odour the key to sexiness

GOOD-LOOKING men and wom- BY STEVE CONNOR en have the most attractive Science Editor body odours, according to a

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to the opposite sex.

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Fairport star wakes up to his obituary

Arts News Editor

ONE OF the UK's best known folk/rock musicians woke up vesterday to read in The Daily Telegraph that he was dead.

Dave Swarbrick, 58, a violinist and singer formerly with Fairport Convention, had been seriously ill, but is in hospital and on the road to recovery.

The paper ran an obituary of the former Fairport star. It was a generous piece which described Swarbrick as "one of the most influential folk musicians of the 1970s and 1980s". But that was not the point.

Mr Swarbrick had just been transferred from intensive care to a normal ward in Walsgrave Hospital in Coventry, after a Dave Swarbrick

It is understood that the

four-week battle with a serious chest infection.

His wife, Jill, said yesterday she had been swamped with consolation calls following the a member of staff said she had publication of the obituary. "The phone has been red hot this morning with all the musicians who know him ringing up to find out how he died and to offer their support," she said.

A spokesman for The Daily Telegraph said yesterday: "I have spoken to Mrs Swarbrick this morning and apologised to her, and we will be printing a full apology in Wednesday's paper."

obituary was written after the paper had heard that Mr Swarbrick was seriously ill and then heard that he was dead. The report was not checked with the musician's family.

Mr Swarbrick has suffered from the lung disease emphysema for some years, and was in Germany when he was

His Fairport Convention colleague, Dave Pegg, said he was also inundated with calls, and added: "It is a glowing

The mistaken obituary story took a novel twist earlier this month when an Austrian pianist, Friedrich Gulda, faxed a report of his own death to a news agency. Gulda had forbidden any obituaries to be written about him, saying:

muck at me while I am alive, I do not want them to chuck it into my grave as well."

"People have thrown so much an audience with a single frenzied sweep of his bow"

named obituarist surmises that "Swarbrick would have been happy to die in harness". Maybe so. But he is much happier to be alive.

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Dave Swarbrick can, according to his premature obituary, 'electrify an audience with a single frenzied sweep of his violin bow'

been published now." error concerned the American writer, Mark Twain, who famously described reports of lowing reports from Nato.

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But at least Mr Swarbrick now knows that he was thought of as "charismatic and dynamic", and that he could "electrify

To add to the irony, the un-

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£1.5bn windfall plan for AA

Association, Britain's largest motoring organisation, could be in line for windfall payments of more than £300 because the group is considering strategic options that could end its mutually-owned status.

The AA could be sold to another motoring group in a £1.5bn deal. As the AA is a mutually-owned, non-profit organisation, the proceeds would be distributed to the 4.3 million full members. But the 1.7 million associate members, such as the spouses of members and children under 21 who are named on the membership forms, would not qualify for a

Ford, the US motor giant that paid £1bn for Kwik Fit earlier this month, might be interested in acquiring the AA. But it is thought the AA is a long way from any deal and is merely exploring its options as competition in the roadside breakdown

iarket nots ud. A spokesman said: "The AA has always kept in mind its prime purpose - to serve the best interest of our members.

No decisions have been made. "It is understandable, following dramatic changes in the breakdown assistance market in the last year, that speculation should arise. But the AA will not comment on speculation." The move follows the

MEMBERS OF the Automobile By NIGEL COPE **Associate City Editor**

> RAC decision to sell its motoring services division for £450m This to Cendant, a US group which owns Green Flag. was blocked by the competition authorities last year.

The RAC now has a shortlist of other buyers which could trigger a £33,000 windfall for the members of its Pall Mall Club, though the ordinary roadside members will miss out.

Any deal to de-mutualise the AA would have to be agreed by a two-thirds majority of its voting members. But the relatively small windfall sum may hamper securing that The group, which has has 48

per cent of the UK breakdown market, was founded in 1905 as a lobbying organisation to battle inaccurate speed traps set by police. It started roadside assistance before the 1914.

The AA employs 12,500 stat including 3,600 patrolmen and recorded a surplus of £21m on sales of £548m last year. All the proceeds were invested back.

The AA owns a huge road map publishing business, and interests in car insurance, and a driving school. But as competition increased from rivals Europ Assistance, Mondial and Direct Line, it has struggled to offer competitive rates.



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Banned for decades from revealing his literary identity or

By Jack O'Sullivan Scotland Correspondent

The Wind From The Hills is Mr Rae's 21st appearance on the bookstands as Jessica Stirling and contains such sizzling lines as: "He pulled the little

tearing at the silk, parted her land, who is really lain Blair, anbodice and lifted her shift."

The romance novelist better known as 'Jessica Stirling' - Hugh C Rae: 'I barely have to think about the gender thing now'

Mr Rae is not the only man writing under a female pseudonym, but the device is more commonly used by male pornographers. Among Mr Rae's contemporaries is Emma Blair. buttons from her blouse and, the author of Flower of Scot-

other Glaswegian. "His publishers insisted on 'Emma', said Norma Curtis, secretary of the Romantic Novelists' Assoin the afternoons. ciation. "They did not even let

name Fiona. "We have one other man on

Emily. Anne and Charlotte Bronte, the literary sisters who called themselves respectively Ellis, Acton and Currer

our committee called Roger, but he has to call himself 'Gill Sanderson. He writes romances for Mills and Boons in the mornings and war comics

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"There is a feeling among readers that if a man has written the novel, there will be a lot of war and deaths. If they saw a bosomy dress on the front cover and a man's name, they wouldn't read it."

Mr Rae denies that he writes as if he were female. "That's not

Originally a crime writer, Mr Rae, who lives in Killearn, Stirlingshire, moved into romantic fiction in partnership with Peggy Coghlan, a short story writer. However, she retired after seven novels, leaving Jessica to Hugh. He says he has no problem adopting the Jessica persona. "I barely have to think about the gender thing now." |

lung cancer WOMEN SMOKERS are more at BY CHERRY NORTON

Health Correspondent

risk from lung cancer because

women are more likely to con-

tract the main types of lung can-

cer than men at every level of

exposure to cigarette smoke.

"This gender difference cannot

be explained by differences in

baseline exposure, smoking

history or body size; it is likely

due to women's higher sus-

ceptibility to tobacco carcinogens," said the co-author of the

study, Dr Stephen Lam, of the

University of British Columbia,

Smoking causes about

Canada.

according to new research.

Women more

at risk from

they are genetically more susceptible to tobacco carcinogens. 1973 to 13,062 in 1996. There has been a decrease in male victims The findings, published during the same period, from today in the Journal of the Na-29,463 to 22,852. tional Cancer Institute, show

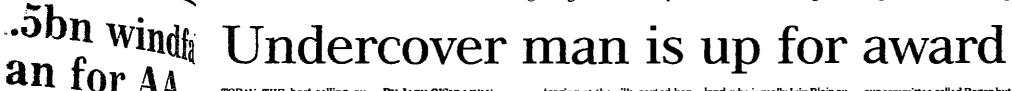
Previous British research more particle deposits." has shown that nearly twice as many women as men under 65 are diagnosed with small-cell lung cancer, the most dangerous form of the disease. Experts believed that the differences between men and women could be explained by women smoking in a different way to men, taking shorter, sharper inhalations or inhaling more deeply because they are more likely to buy "light" cigarettes. However, the new research shows the outer lung cells of women 120,000 deaths in the UK every are more susceptible to tobac-

year - or one in five of all co carcinogens. deaths. The latest government Dr Mike Pearson, a spokesman for the British Thoracic Sofigures show that in 1996 nearciety, said: "This is another h 36,000 people died from lung cancer caused by smoking. The step to understanding the gender differences. There is definumber of women dying this way has more than doubled in nitely a genetic factor involved the past 23 years, from 6,961 in because only a proportion of

men and women who smoke are susceptible to cancer. It is perfectly possible this genetic factor can also explain some of the differences between the sexes. Women's lungs are also smaller, which means they get

The study of 400 men and

women who had been smoking a pack a day for 20 years also found that the traditional way lung cancer is detected, by measuring breathing difficulty, was not suitable for women. The findings showed women developed more cancers in the outer parts of the lung, which does not have such an effect on breathing ability, while men were more likely to develop cancer in the large central airways. Scientists have solved one of the dilemmas in treating prostate cancer: when to operate. Researchers from Stanford University have devised a method of predicting which patients are likely to respond well to surgery and which ones are better off seeking alternative treatments.



TODAY, THE best-selling author Jessica Stirling could make history by winning the Romantic Novel of the Year award. She - or rather he hopes to become the first man to win the coveted award.

Hugh C Rae from Glasgow has spent 25 years in his back bedroom smoking cigarettes and creating historical sagas that have sold 2 million copies.

speaking to the press. Mr Rae, 63. has been shortlisted for The Wind From The Hills, a passionate drama chronicling the lives of two sisters on the Scottish island of Mull in the 1890s. It would be a popular win for a writer whose books are consistently in the top 100 borrowed from libraries and who writes five hours every day, producing a "Jessica" novel every seven months.

GENDER-BENDING PSEUDONYMS lain Blair

(right), who writes romantic novels. vidaton Flower of Scotland, under

the name Emma Blair. The Rev Toby Forward, a vicar, who, until rumbled. convinced Virago that he

was an Asian woman.

Dominique Aury doublebluffed everyone with The Story of O, a masochistic fantasy, which appeared under the name of Pauline Reage but was assumed to have been by a man.

Alexander Trocchi. Scottish-Italian writer from the Beat Age, who wrote erotica in Paris in the Fifties under female pseudonyms.

George Eliot, aka **Mary** Ann Evans (right), the author of Middlemarch.

on. I write for women."

hardest hit The North-east as a whole

'UK has two-speed economy'

Economics Editor facturing in Britain face a jobs crisis, the Trades Union Congress warns in a report today. with the constituencies of the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer among the

has seen the biggest increase in claimant unemployment in the past six months. Within the region, the Prime Minister's constituency, Sedgefield, has seen the largest rise, amount-

THE HEARTLANDS of manu- BY DIANE COYLE

ing to 6 per cent in the past year. In Scotland, Gordon Brown's seat, Dunfermline East, has suffered the biggest jump in joblessness - a rise of 14 per cent, according to the TUC analysis.

The warning from the unions comes on a day when official figures are expected to show an increase in the jobless total for last month. The total rose by

4,300 to just over 1.3m in February. The regional breakdown of the figures by the TUC shows a manufacturing divide with rising unemployment in the North. Constituencies across the services-dominated south of England have not suffered any increase in unemployment.

John Monks, TUC general secretary, said: "Britain is now a two-speed, two-nation economy. Manufacturing is moving into recession and the service sector continuing to expand."



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'Federast' alert as Europhiles seen lurking on Continent

made another of those surreptitious tinuing game of Grandmother's Footsteps over ground troops. When Grandmother is looking Mr Cook is as immovable as a statue, holding to the resolute yet prudent first bomb dropped. No change in Nato conditions ("I am now so familiar with them they are etched in my brain like the Lord's Prayer", said Mr Cook, rather grandiosely) and no question of troops fighting

IN THE Commons Robin Cook "putting in troops at a point where benchers had decided to take a day there is no organised opposition". off from scepticism about the war advances in the Government's con- But what exactly does "organised opposition" mean and how might matters be affected by Mr Cook's Eurobashing. There were several insistence that there's also no question of President Slobodan Milosevic "having a veto" on Nato than one of them settled on Romano posture he adopted on the day the intentions for Kosovo? Has he Prodi as a very satisfactory new moved or hasn't he? Grandmother whipping boy, Julian Lewis was anxcan't quite be sure - all she knows ious that Eastern European counis that he looks a lot closer every tries that had only recently escaped time she turns round.

Understandably, Michael Howard, the Tory surrendering their new liberties to spokesman on foreign affairs, was hand, he added yesterday, such a still asking for "clarity" from the that the Iron Curtain would fall only statement should not rule out Foreign Secretary but his back- for the Red Tape Rampart to rise

and indulge themselves in that most delicious of Tory recreations. questions about the reform of the **European Commission and more** the heavy grip of the Warsaw Pact perhaps, would be lured into immediately another monolithic power bloc -



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up. John Bercow put it in even bolder terms. Why couldn't the Government admit what is openly acknowledged in Europe, he demanded, before going on to out Mr Prodi as a "committed federast". ceptible to parliamentary legisla-tion. Yesterday they confirmed their Mr Prodi, it seems, has been sidling up to naïve young democracies, offering them sweets and computer games if they will just go round to his place and let him remove their sovereignties.

opened the first day of three days Lord Campbell of Alloway, supof debate on the House of Lords Bill with an eleventh-hour conversion to the popular will. Only last week their noble Lordships demonstrated the true value of the hereditary principle by endorsing the incredible notion that the sexual desires of 16-year-olds are in some way sus-

detachment from anything recognisable as the real world with a communal fantasy that their abolition was causing waves of unrest among the common folk. "The people don't want it," said Lord Strathclyde, and In the Lords, hereditary peers his wishful theme was taken up by porting an amendment that would call for a referendum on the Gov-

ernment's proposals. "The people don't want to put to sea in a sieve with any old owl or pussycat," argued Lord Campbell - in one of the more lucid passages from a frankly baffling speech - and

he concluded that the Government would press through its legislation against "the wishes of the people". But what people could he conceivably be talking about? Was he, perhaps, using the phrase as a public schoolboy of the Thirties might say "my people", to refer to his immediate family? Or did he have in mind the staff and beaters at his country house? Anybody, surely, but the people talked to by Mori not so long ago, 80 per cent of whom indicated their satisfaction at the imminent demise of the hereditary principle. It really is time to wake up and smell the Earl Grey, your

Hague strikes out for caring Conservatism

WILLIAM HAGUE broke with POLICY the Thatcher era last night by BY ANDREW GRICE declaring that the Conservative Party had to offer more than "free-market solutions". Mr Hague gave his full support to a new approach which applied his deputy Peter Lilley's controversial call for the party to the public sector. We can offer win back the public's confidence by accepting that the free market had only a limited role to play in improving health, education and welfare.

Mr Lilley's attempt to define a new "caring Conservatism". made in a separate speech last night, has angered some Shadow Cabinet colleagues. They complain they were not consulted about the apparent Uturn, and that the shift has put the leadership at odds with Ann Widdecombe, the health spokeswoman, and Iain Duncan Smith, the social security spokesman, who have both raised the prospect of greater private-sector provision.

At a dinner to mark the 20th anniversary of Baroness Thatcher's election as prime minister, Mr Hague said: "It is a great mistake to think that all Conservatives have to offer is

Political Editor

kets." The Tory leader called for the party's enduring values to a real transfer of power away from Whitehall to schools and hospitals, patients and par-

ents," he said. He told Lady Thatcher that when she declared the National Health Service was "safe in our hands," she was attacked by critics who did not believe "Today we are being attacked by critics because they do believe us." he said.

Tory sources insisted Mr Hague was not abandoning Lady Thatcher's legacy, saying what she did for Britain in the Eighties was right, but events had moved on. They denied a Uturn on public services, saying Mr Hague was merely trying to kill off the "damaging and wrong perception that the Tories would sell off the hospitals".

In her speech at the dinner solutions based on free mar- Britain during her 11 years as was not inevitable.

ing down the idea that she was responsible, she said: "All that we did was to create the right framework: it was the British people who did the rest."

Lady Thatcher also paid a rare tribute to Sir Edward Heath, her predecessor as Tory leader, with whom she has barely spoken since she ousted him in 1975. She described him as "one of Britain's most forceful and effective prime ministers".

Meanwhile, Lady Thatcher attacked the Blair government's "third-way" philosophy but without criticising Tony Blair personally. She said that Britain ought to be doing "much better" given Labour's economic inheritance.

"Raising £40bn of extra taxation by stealth, as Gordon Brown is planning, is evidence that behind the New Labour mask. Old Socialism smirks." she said.

■ William Hague last night committed the Tories to leading "the national campaign to save the pound" at the next genin London, Lady Thatcher de- eral election. He insisted that fended the "transformation" of a single European currency



The Rev Ian Paisley launching his campaign for the Euro elections in Bushmills, Co Antrim, yesterday Paul Faith bug on home appliances.

£5m to be used to allay fears

MILLENNIUM BUG BY PAUL WAUGH Political Correspondent

A 25M ADVERTISING campaign is to be launched by the Government to warn the public of the dangers of the so-called millennium bug, Margaret Beckett, the Leader of the Commons, announced yesterday.

The publicity drive, featuring TV and press advertising, will begin in the late spring to spearhead efforts to reassure people about the impact of the date change on computer systems.

Mrs Beckett, who has responsibility for co-ordinating Whitehall's response to the 2000 compliance problem, said the public should look principally to private firms for advice on the effect of the bug.

However, she stressed no one needed to hoard banknotes as the Government had been assured by banks and building societies that all cash machines will be functioning properly.

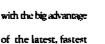
The information campaign will be backed up by market research to track changes in public perception of the problem every month.

The Government's official "bug busters", Action 2000, published practical advice last October about the impact of the



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Anti-bombing MPs are appeasers, says Short

ministers yesterday when she compared Labour MPs opposed to the Nato bombing of Serbia to appeasers of Hitler and Nazi Germany.

Downing Street last night disowned her views, saying: "The difference between this country and Serbia is that in this country, people can express their views."

Ms Short, Secretary of State for International Development, said she was ashamed of some Labour MPs who had voiced dissent in the debate in the Commons. She had shouted: "You are a disgrace to the Labour Party" at Tam Dalyell.

the veteran Labour back-

BY COLIN BROWN AND SARAH SCHAEFER

bencher, when he and a handful of the dissidents forced a

Yesterday morning, after the vote by 11 Labour MPs against the Government, her anger had clearly not subsided. She said on BBC Radio Four's Woman's Hour: "It's always legitimate to voice dissent but this conflict and the arguments over it made many of us think

about the Nazis and Hitler. "There were people who thought Hitler was a good

against Hitler, and I am Ku-Klux-Klan. She has been a members of the Labour Party who are saying outrageous things, defending what Serbia

"They are the equivalent of the people who appeased Hitler I am sorry - this is a very serious thing to say but that is what I think. They're entitled to say it but I'm entitled to be

ashamed of them." so-called "Supper Club" that opposed the Gulf War, has often courted controversy, upsetting the people of volcano-hit Monserrat by remarks about "gold-

Ms Short, a member of the thing, there were people who en elephants", and comparing opposed action being taken extremist Orangemen to the

ashamed that there are some leading voice against the Left over the Kosovo war, impressing Downing Street with her visit to Macedonian refugee

The Labour MP Gwyneth Dunwoody, who voiced doubts but did not vote against the Government, told BBC Radio: "One of Clare's endearing qualities is her ability to go over the top because she's got this enormous enthusiasm for life and this great vigour that she occasionally gets carried away

Another Labour MP, Alice Mahon, complained to re-porters of "silly things" said about her being an appeaser.

QUESTIONS AND

ANSWERS

Pledge on piercing

LEGISLATION TO give councils the power to regulate body piercing firms will be introduced as soon as possible, the Home Office minister Paul Boateng promised.

£41,000 logo

A LOGO to promote the launch of plans to modernise government and give a better service to the public cost £41,020 to develop, the Cabinet Office minister Peter Kilfoyle disclosed.

Role for Hurd

LORD HURD of Westwell. the former Tory foreign secretary, has been appointed to the Political Honours Scruting Committee by Tony Blair, joining Lord Thomson of Monifieth and Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-

Tories urged not to wreck Lords reform

urged by their own benches not to delay proposals to scrap hereditaries' voting rights yesterday as growing divisions over their tactics emerged.

Viscount Cranborne said any efforts to wreck the House of Lords Bill would be against the Salisbury Convention under which peers do not vote against the governing party's manifesto pledges.

He hinted that any Tory revolts would also diminish chances to adopt the so-called Weatherill amendment, which would retain 92 hereditaries during the interim period of

Speaking during the Bill's committee stage, Lord Cranborne, one of the deal's architects, said: "If you pass an amendment which would in efthe remainder of this debate,

which will make it increasingly

CONSERVATIVE PEERS were HEREDITARY PEERS By Sarah Schaefer

Political Reporter difficult to amend the Bill in other ways.

But Lord Campbell of Alloway, a Tory peer, insisted the Government should delay the legislation unless it won the support of the public in a

referendum. Earlier, Lord Strathclyde, the Tory leader of the Lords, indicated he could not rule out a legal challenge to the Bill from hereditary peers, doubting the strength of support by peers for the Weatherill amendment, which is to be debated next

"Some peers think there may be a bribe in it and don't want to be involved.

He continued: "Others think the Bill is monstrous and the fect wreck this Bill, it would only thing to do is to kill it send very clearly a pattern for stone dead and, if that means going to the Parliament Act, so

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Fuel escalator

THE TORIES are committed to abandoning the "fuel escalator", which automatically increases the cost of fuel in every Budget, David Heathcoat-Amory, the Tory Treasury spokesman, said. The measure was introduced in 1995 to reduce politation.

Tax access

TAXPAYERS SHOULD be given better access to information about how much they pay to the Treasury, Tim Loughton, the Tory MP for Worthing East and Shoreham, said.

Today's agenda

Commons. 9.30am. Backbench debates. 2.30pm: Questions to Cabinet Office Minister Prime Minister's

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 $\mathfrak{L}5m_{\mathfrak{h}}$ THE LEADER of the Scottish National Party, Alex Salmond, calls for the break-up of the be use United Kingdom today, suggesting that England should become an independent nation with its own parliament. to alla

Mr Salmond, who has until now played down the independence issue in the Scottish Parliament campaign, said separate parliaments north and south of the border were MILLENNIUM BUC "the only logical path" for both countries. By implication. Wales would also become a sovereign state and the United Kingdom would no longer exist.

In an article in today's Punch magazine, he also suggested that all Scottish MPs should be barred from voting on English affairs in the House of Commons until independence had been secured.

After days of concentrating on tax and health spending, Mr Salmond finally put the state of the Union firmly on the agenda with his claim that English independence was "best for England" as well as the Scots.

With Scottish independence, England would lose a surly lodger and gain a good neighbour. With Scottish devolution, the UK and England gain a problem, confirming my belief that independence for England is the only logical path... because it is best for England if England takes control and responsibility for its own affairs," he said.

The SNP has long observed a self-imposed rule of refusing to vote on solely English mataters in the Commons and a simparties, Mr Salmond said.

The independence issue moved centre stage as it clared just one £10,000 gift. emerged that the parties have been warned that they must deceive, including gifts and and £13,800 for the Tories.

BY PAUL WAUGH AND FRAN ABRAMS

donations in kind. Professor Anthony King, chairman of an electoral commission set up to oversee the election, has written to the parties, reminding them of their obligation to be open about funding.

Five parties, including the Greens, signed up in February to a voluntary code, which will be used as a test-run for rules due to be implemented before the next general election. They promised to declare national donations of more than £5,000 and local donations of more than £1,000, as well as to bar foreign and anonymous donations.

But although some parties told The Independent they had received non-cash support such as the loan of vehicles, office space and staff, none had passed the information to the commission. Full disclosure could cause problems for the parties because for the first time they are bound by a £1.5m national limit on spending.

So far Labour has declared £166.000 in donations to its Scottish headquarters since January, £100,000 of which came from the Scottish Trade Union and Labour Party liaison committee. It has not declared any support from its London Millbank offices, although staff have been seconded to help.

The Conservatives have declared £306,600, including £37,500 from headquarters in London; the Liberal Democrats £118,100 including £108,100 from London; and the SNP £130,600, including £15,300 from the actor Sean Connery. The Greens de-

Donations direct to constituencies amounted to £8,375 clare all financial help they refor Labour, £12,300 for the SNP





'Assembly could be an awful failure'

VOTERS' PANEL: LLANDOVERY

David Butler, 35, Salesman.

Labour "What are the Assembly's priorities? In rural Wales farming is top. I hope the Assembly can make a better job of handling the BSE crisis than the last two

Heather Harrison, 56, Tourist officer. Undecided

governments did."

'I'm not Welsh but everyone who lives in Wales should vote; I hope they will, I haven't made up my mind how to vote - I'll look at what's on offer.'

Helen Worthington, 40, Craft-centre supervisor. Plaid Cymru "I expect to support whoever

offers the best deal for the economy of rural areas like ours. In years gone by, most cash and attention has been directed to the big towns in South Wales and the industrial North-east.

Barrie Stone. 61. Estate agent. Conservative-leaning "I'm all in favour of politicians who want to free up the markets and lift WITH JUST 15 days to polling day, enthusiasm and because of this Mr Michael's opponents in has yet to break cover in Llandovery. The talk the Labour Party have been out on the streets in this mid-Wales market town is more about of Llandovery seeking to maximise the Labour rugby successes than the historic elections to

the Welsh Assembly. A close fight between Labour and Plaid Cymru is looming. A big Labour win would, paradoxically, undermine the chances of Alun Michael - Tony Blair's choice for First Minister - sliding in on the list from which 20 of the 60 Assembly members will be drawn.

A Plaid Cymru victory in the constituency would ensure his success from the "top-up" list,

the burdens placed on business. In fact I'd like to see 90 per cent less government. But the Assembly looks like another tier."

Simon Sherrard, 59, Hotel owner. Conservative

"It's jobs for the boys. Half the Welsh people didn't vote at all in the 1997 referendum. I voted 'no' but even so I will vote next month. I think it's a bad thing to have the same party in office in London and Cardiff."

North Wales coast. Roland Davies, 70, Retired teacher. Undecided

during the campaign.

It could be very serious if there were moves to detach Wales from the rest of Britain. Separatism is not for us. The Assembly must commit itself to keeping Wales as part of the United

Cynthia Davies, 70, Wife of Roland Davies. Undecided

All the politicians say that they are anxious to foster the Welsh language and culture. That is a very important part of devolution and it must have priority."

Fr Nicholas Jenkins, 56, Priest. Anything but

Labour

Councils.

The Independent interviewed voters, se-

Llandovery is one of the few towns in the Car-

less than 90 minutes' drive from Cardiff, but has

seen little of the government money that has

been lavished on the M4 corridor and along the

lected at random, and will return to Llandovery

"There is a paradox. The Assembly could be a very good thing for Wales, or it could turn out to be a dreadful failure. We don't want a repeat of all those old South Wales Labour

Janusz Norejko, 48, Farmer.

Will not vote 'There's not enough information coming out to tell people what the Assembly can do. The rural I think it [The Assembly] could be a waste of time."

Huw Lewis, 35, Builder. Labour-leaning

"It seems like another world when you live in rural Wales. even though Cardiff isn't really that far away, if voters marthen East and Dinefwr constituency. It is turn out strongly enough maybe the Assembly will pay attention to our problems."

> Josephine Lewis, 34, Wife of Huw Lewis. Labour-leaning "I'm concerned that our

sons get a good education. There's a split between English and Weish language schools and ... children are divided up. That's one thing the Assembly should look at closely.

Billy Jones, 43. DIY shop owner. Undecided

"I think we were better off before the Assembly came along. As far as I am concerned it doesn't seem to offer very much - judging by what little information there is about it. I dare say I'll vote."

TONY HEATH

Campaigns BRIEFING

15 DAYS TO GO

Lib Dems 'soft on drugs' LIBERAL DEMOCRATS walked into the familiar charge of being "soft on drugs" after the Scottish party leader, Jim Wallace, said he supported the idea of a Royal Commission to look at all aspects of drug abuse, including the likely effect of decriminalisation of cannabis. David McLetchie, leader of the Scottish Conservatives, said it was typical of the "soft" Liberal Democrat approach. "Raising this issue at this stage is disastrous and divisive. he said

Unions back tax rise THE HOLYROOD Parliament

should be prepared to use its tax-raising powers to boost public services, the Scottish Trades Union Congress agreed. contrary to Labour's pledge not to raise taxes in the first four-year term. Labour would spend an extra £10m on cancer centres in Glasgow, Aberdeen. Dundee, Inverness and Edinburgh, said the party's health spokesman. Sam Galbraith.

Stand and deliver

THE LIBERAL Democrats yesterday floated the novel idea that ministers in the Welsh administration should receive "promise-related pay". Michael German, the party's Welsh leader, said ministerial earnings should be tied to the degree to which they met their pledges. The Tories responded that, on this basis. Mr German would be "poverty stricken".

Call for news watchdog A BROADCASTING watchdog to monitor the coverage of Scottish news was called for by Canon Kenyon Wright, a veteran home rule advocate and one of the few independent candidates in with a chance of winning a seat at Holyrood.

Quote of the day

"IF IT [independence] was measured in purely money terms you might as well hand the prize to Alex Salmond." The Scottish Conservative leader David McLetchie, hastily adding he was still strongly opposed to independence.

Plaid Cymru gains from Labour in key rural battlefield APs are ; Short

PLAID CYMRU, the Welsh na- By TONY HEATH AND tionalist party, looks set to prof- BARRIE CLEMENT it at the expense of Labour in the critical Mid and West Wales battleground, according to an opinion poll last night

Support for the nationalists in

increased from 20 per cent at the 1997 general election to 31 per cent. Labour support fell from 38 to 36 per cent, with the Tories' the largely rural area, which cov-share falling from 20 to 16 per ers eight Westminster con- cent. The Liberal Democrats' stituencies, is said to have share rose from 12 to 15 per cent.

These figures in an NOP poll for HTV refer to voting intentions for first-past-the-post candidates. When respondents were second vote on the parties' proportional representation (PR) lists, Plaid Cymru remained

steady at 31 per cent, with

on 15 per cent and the Liberal Democrats on 17 per cent. The figures suggest the na-

tionalists may take the marginasked how they would use their al Carmarthen East seat from Labour, allowing Alun Michael, Secretary of State for Wales, to be elected from the "top-up" PR list. If Labour retains the seat, Labour on 32 per cent, the Tories his chances will disappear.

The 1,500 people polled were also asked to name the party

leader they believed would be the most effective "prime minister". Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru leader, was top with 48 per cent, Alun Michael scored 32 per cent, Rod Richards (Tory) 14 and Mike German (Liberal Democrats) 6.

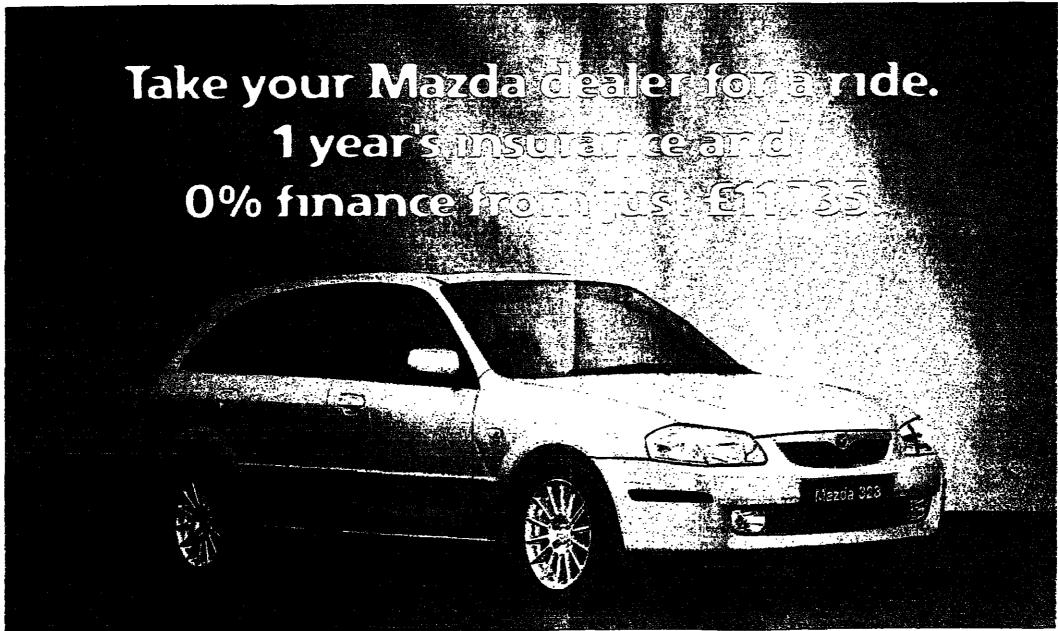
But while there was en- and have been returned unopcouraging poll news for Plaid Cymru, internal divisions over independence led to the estab-

independent nationalists. Wales to go it alone, have organisation had "never ever"

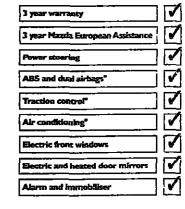
formed a new hardline alliance supported independence.

posed. Owain Williams and Evan Hall Griffith believe that a number of colleagues in lishment of a new grouping of North Wales will join them. They say there is consider-Two members of Gwynedd able disaffection with the as-County Council, who want sertion by Mr Wigley that his

However. Mr Wigley said last night that in the Fifties, Plaid Cymru argued that Wales should become part of a "Britannic confederation", but now it was arguing for the country to be part of a United States of Europe, which he believed would be established within the next four years or so.



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Gay pupil to sue school after attack

threatening legal action against one of Britain's leading public schools after his nose was broken in an alleged assault.

James Hudson, 18, and his mother, Nora, are calling for the head of the 447-year-old Leeds Grammar School to resign after he imposed a suspension of one week on the other pupil

James, who says he has been openly gay for two years. claims he was head-butted in the sixth-form centre of the £5,800-a-year school before Easter. He said yesterday the lenient punishment given to his alleged attacker of a few days' suspension suggested the school was biased against him. The school insisted that the matter was "settled".

James, who is due to take A-levels in English, French. economics and general studies this summer, and who hopes to university, said that he could not return to school while the other pupil was allowed to attend

He said: "I want him to be exable. I have done nothing and hate. You have failed,

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Education Correspondent

wrong." Earlier this year, James organised a petition demanding an apology from the school's headteacher, Bryan Collins, after he told an assembly that gay sex was "ab-

"I want the headmaster to resign," James said. "And I want Leeds Grammar School to and [for it] to have a change of policy to say that bullying for whatever reason - is not

"I am sad that after I have spent eight years at a school, and they have given me so much, that they have turned their back on me.

The matter flared up earlier this month when James handed teachers a letter from his mother addressed to the head, complaining about his treatment. In it Mrs Hudson said: "Leeds Grammar School has a contractual obligation to provide my son with an education and to prepare him for his A-levels in a safe, caring envipelled - that's not unreason- ronment, free from prejudice

meet these needs. You leave us with no alternative but to sue

In a statement, Mr Collins said: "During the week before the school's Easter holiday, there was a dispute between two members of the upper sixth form, arising, I understand, from an incident at a private party the previous weekend. The dispute, in the sixth-form centre during a break, resulted in one student injuring the

"After investigating the matter, and following my reporting the matter to the governors, I suspended the assailant for the week following the school's Easter holiday. On his return he was given a final warning, banned from the sixth-form centre and put under restrictions to keep him away from the other student.

"The matter is now settled but I believe there has been a complaint to the police and

that legal action may follow." A police spokesman said an year-old man was to appear before Leeds magistrates on 29 April, facing a charge of assault causing actual bodily harm.



James Hudson, 18, claims his nose was broken by a fellow pupil at Leeds Grammar School

Norris bailed on theft charge

By Chris Hamilton

ONE OF the five men connected to the investigation into the murder of the black London student Stephen Lawrence appeared in court yesterday charged with burglary

David Norris, 22, of Chisle hurst, Kent, was granted conditional bail by magistrates at Sevenoaks, Kent. He is due to appear again in court on 25 May.

Mr Norris is charged with stealing 32 cases of empty soda siphons worth £224 from a wholesale drinks firm in Swnley, Kent, early on Monday. He was given bail on the condition that he lives at his home address, reports to his local police station every Saturday and abides by a 9pm-6am curfew .

Mr Norris was arrested in the early hours of Monday with Jamie Acourt, who has also been linked to the investigation into Stephen Lawrence's death in 1993 at a bus stop in Eltham. south-east London. Mr Acourt, also 22, from Greenwich, southeast London, was released on bail on Monday after being questioned at Gravesend police station in Kent.

A third man, Daniel Caetano, 23, who was not a suspect in the Lawrence case, was also charged with burglary and freed on bail.

Mr Caetano and Mr Acourt

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BBC caught out by rival's cricket ploy

for the rights to cover England's winter Test matches in southern Africa because Talk Radio had paid the South African cricket authorities not to hold a rights auction, the corporation said yesterday. Talk Radio announced it had spent £150,000 on the rights to broadcast comone-day triangular tournament with South Africa and Zimbabwe this winter.

Peter Baxter, the producer of Test Match Special, maintained that money was the key to the BBC's defeat: "The South African cricket authorities refused to talk to our negotiator until after the deal was done. Talk Radio obviously paid them a huge whack to make sure they wouldn't. Talk Radio was determined to get these rights.

"Our negotiator had been

BY PAUL MCCANN Media Editor

weekend, when it was already

is preparing for a big battle."

trying to talk to the South African Cricket Board for six months and I only got through

signed up."

Last year the BBC lost the rights to televise Test match cricket to Channel 4. The Test Match Special producer said the Talk Radio deal heralded mentary on five Tests and a fierce competition for the rights to domestic Tests when the BBC's current contract expires at the end of next year's season. receive its FM service. "The ECB know of our interest and I'm quite sure Talk Radio

> The BBC cricket corresaid Talk Radio's deal was a watershed for the BBC. "This is about more than money," said Agnew. "Radio network con-

trollers have always thought that no one else wanted cricket, so they could put it on wherever they like. The BBC has to make to Dr Ali Bacher [the head of and give us Radio 4's long wave in the commentary box next to South African cricket] this frequency non-stop. This is the me do my job."

make a decision once and for all to give us Radio 4's long wave."

Ever since Radio 3's medium wave frequency was sold off by the government in 1992 the BBC has struggled to find a radio station where ball-by-ball coverage of Test matches could be broadcast. First it was on Radio 5 Live, now it is on Radio 4's long wave frequency – which with the English Cricket Board Radio 4 listeners who cannot

The uncertainty about Test Match Special's future worries the broadcast team, Agnew said. "Everyone needs to be respondent, Jonathan Agnew, assured. After all, you have to go where the work is and there aren't that many cricket commentators around.

"At the moment I'm facing the none too attractive prospect of travelling to southern Africa this winter for three months to do 40-second summaries for the commitment to the sport Radio 5 Live, while the people

Night-time snacking triggered by stress

Health Editor

PEOPLE WHO skip breakfast, raid the fridge after supper and wake in the small hours with hunger pangs may be suffering from night eating syndrome, an expert said vesterday.

This newly identified eating disorder, which affects thin as well as fat people, is thought to be triggered by stress, which causes a shift in the biological rhythm of sleeping and eating. People affected consumed half their total calories in snacks after supper.

Professor Albert Stunkard, a psychiatrist from the University of Pennsylvania in the United States, told the London International Conference on Eating Disorders yesterday that night eating syndrome affected an estimated one in 75 of the population, about 900,000 people in the UK. and up to one in 10 people attending obesity clinics.

The typical sufferer gets up in the morning with no appetite, skips breakfast and may miss lunch and does their main eating in the evening. As the day goes on they eat increasing amounts of carbohydrate "comfort food" - especially biscuits, cakes and sweet things. One study found that on average those affected ate 450 calories more than normal, which could

contribute to obesity. Professor Stunkard, who in the Fifties first described the bingeing now recognised as bulimia, said with the new disorBy JEREMY LAURANCE

der, "mood tends to fall during the day and as their mood falls, eating goes up". He said it was likely to be more common among women than men, and was a combination of an eating, sleeping and mood disorder linked to levels of two hormones affecting sleep and appetite, melatonin and leptin - which

suggested it might be treated with hormone supplements. ■ Children under 10 who show signs of food refusal may be suffering from a disorder triggered by distress - for instance, over divorce. Sufferers of foodavoidance emotional disorder do not fear being fat - as in anorexia - but are too miserable to sleep or eat well, says Rachel Bryant-

Waugh, a psychologist at Great

Ormond Street Hospital

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ID chips for pets to fight cruelty

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Environment Correspondent under a proposal from the RSPCA being considered by the Government

The Government's response has been "reasonably positive". the RSPCA highlighted yesthe society said yesterday. when it released its annual figures on animal cruelty, showing owners had not been traced. a 17.5 per cent rise in convictions in 1998 from 1997.

The RSPCA believes the remarkable increase is more due vet for a fee of about £20 are regto a rise in public awareness istered on PetLog a database gained from programmes such as Rolf Harris's Animal Hosp:tol than an absolute increase in cruelty, but it still highlighted 470,000 of Britain's 6.9 million large numbers of what it called "barbaric and debased" cases of animals being ill-treated.

Yesterday the society called for the microchipping of all an- the RSPCA's chief inspector. imals where suitable, a move it believes would greatly diminish cases of cruelty and neglect as the silicon chips, which are the size of a cooked grain of rice and under the skin, would enable owners to be traced without fail. The chips can be fitted to virtually all animals "from a mouse to a camel", as well as to reptiles and birds, the char-

EVERY DOG in Britain could be BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

ity's communications director, John Rolls, said.

In some of the worst cases terday, including that of a dog hung from a railway bridge, the

At the moment there is a purely voluntary scheme under which pets microchipped by a run jointly by the RSPCA and the Kennel Club. Take-up has so far been modest, covering about dogs and 270,000 of eight million cats. "To have every pet microchipped would be the ideal situation." said Tony Crittenden,

Government sources confirmed vesterday that talks are taking place with several interested bodies about "the permanent identification of dogs". can be harmlessly inserted by microchipping or tattooing. "The key question is whether or not it should be compulsory," a source said. "The Government has no fixed views." A working group on the issue, chaired by the Environment minister Alan



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Sylvester, the abandoned iguana who was found by the RSPCA suffering from mite infestation and multiple abscesses Andrew Buurman

Meale, will have its first meeting in a month's time.

Last year, the RSPCA said. there were 3,114 convictions for animal cruelty in England and Wales, 17.5 per cent up on the 1997 figure of 2,650. Prison sentences were imposed on 73 peo-The society received 1,558,131 telephone calls - one every 20 seconds - 11 per cent up from the 1,397,516 calls it

received the year before, "The increases are partly due to the fact that we have more inspectors than ever before, but we also think programmes like Animal Hospital make the public more aware of our work, and more likely than ever to report cruelty to us," Mr Crittenden said.

The North-east headed the regional animal cruelty table for

convictions last year, far more than any other region. Also noticeable in the new statistics was a large jump in cruelty to farm animals; there were 191 cases of cruelty to cattle last year as against 44 in 1997; 448 cases of cruelty to sheep. against 150; and 210 cases of cruelty to pigs, up from 39. "These figures must in some

crisis, although we believe that 99 per cent of farmers are very concerned with their animals' welfare," Mr Crittenden said.

Cases of abuse included a South American iguana suffering from multiple abscesses and mite infestation abandoned among a flock of sheep in Somerset; three greyhound puppies who nearly starved to ing the bodies of their dead siblings; a cat scalded and given multiple fractures from kicking by its owner, who was later sent to jail; a flock of sheep found dead and dying as their farmer owner celebrated his wedding

day; and the dog hung from a

bridge in the Leicestershire

town of Loughborough. Leading article.

the fifth year running, with 798 way reflect the current farming Lioness saved from death row



Lioness Jody faced death because of infection fears

JODY THE lioness thought to BY JACK O'SULLIVAN have contracted FSE, the feline form of mad cow disease, has been reprieved from death row at Edinburgh Zoo.

The management change of heart followed a vigorous campaign to save one of the zoo's star attractions.

The decision may save big cats thought to be infected with the deadly disease in other zoos and safari parks. The

Scotland Correspondent

breakthrough came as animal rights campaigners began a 24-hour vigil vesterday outside the zoo. Officials announced that plans to administer a lethal injection to the eight-year-old African lioness had been scrapped.

They had feared that Jody had been infected by her 12-

post-mortem examination last December revealed traces of FSE, Feline Spongiform Encephalopathy.

Zoo officials were worried that Jody could be a risk to healthy lions, so they confined her to her own enclosure. They had argued that long-

term isolation for lions, who prefer to be in groups, was cruel and so it would be kinder

paigners from Advocates for Animals had claimed that the three Asiatic lions due to arrive at the zoo this summer.

The public protest, supported by, among others, the broadcaster Jimmy Savile and the anthropologist Desmond Morris, appears to have led to a

A zoo spokeswoman said the

year-old partner Lumpy. His to end Jody's life. But cam- decision to reprieve Jody followed advice from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries zoo was trying to find space for and Food that there was no proven danger of Jody transmitting FSE to other lions.

"This is brilliant news." said the spokeswoman, adding: "We can now look for a home for Jody in another collection, where she can be with other lions without presenting a dan-

Man in court on 14 sex charges

Home Affairs Correspondent

A FORMER fairground worker was remanded in custody when he appeared in court yesterday to face 14 charges of sexual assaults on adults and children.

Sidney Cooke, 72, appeared before a judge at Reading Crown Court on charges including rape and indecent assault, alleged to have taken place between 1972 and 1981.

Neil Moore, for the prosecution, told the court: "This case concerns allegations of a sexual nature ... principally upon four children. There were eight complainants in all. [The offences) started in London and moved to Twyford in Berkshire. They went on to Kent, Hertfordshire, and finally the north-east of England. Indecent assaults were on males and females.

Mr Cooke is charged with indecently assaulting a minor on three separate occasions between 1972 and 1976 in Battersea. London: Twyford. Berkshire: and Canterbury. Kent. He is also charged with assaulting the same boy in Washington, Tyne and Wear, between 1978 and 1980.

He is further charged with a serious sexual assault on another minor on two occasions between 1972 and 1976 in Battersea and Twyford. He faces a further charge of indecently assaulting that boy in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, between 1976 and 1977, and with raping an 18-year-old girl on separate occasions in Canterbury in 1976, and in Berkhamsted between 1976 and 1977.

Mr Cooke is facing another five charges of serious sexual assault, alleged to have taken place between 1972 and 1981.

Patricia Lees, appearing for the defence, told Mr Justice Bell that the court was not in a position to arraign Mr Cooke as further legal discussions were essential before the case could

He was remanded to a date o be fixed, when an application to move the hearing from Reading Crown Court to another venue will be heard.

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Woodhead should resign or be sacked, says MP

BY JUDITH JUDD **Education Editor**

A SENIOR Labour backbencher called on Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, to resign or face the sack yesterday Derek Foster joint chairman of the House of Commons Education and Employment Select Committee, made his call as opposition to Mr Woodhead gathered pace.

MPs have been reluctant to attack the chief inspector after a series of allegations about his private life, but 16 have now signed an early day motion demanding Mr Woodhead's immediate resignation.

Mr Foster argued that the allegations, which stem from an affair Mr Woodhead had with a young woman, meant the chief inspector was no longer able to do his job effectively.

His remarks show that ministers' efforts to put an end to the debate about Mr Woodhead's future have failed. David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, tried to draw a line under the controversy last parliamentary answer that "educative and experiential".





The Labour MP Derek Foster (left) says the allegations make it difficult for Chris Woodhead to do his job

there was no evidence Mr Woodhead started the affair and Ms Johnston started a ninewith Amanda Johnston while she was still a sixth-form pupil at the school where he taught.

Reports about the chief inspector's private life first surfaced more than two months ago when The Independent revealed Mr Woodhead had told a student audience that relationships between sixth formweek when he said in a written ers and teachers could be

Mr Woodhead says that he year affair after they left Gordano School in Bristol in the 1970s. However, Cathy Woodhead, the chief inspector's former wife, says he is lying and the affair began while Ms Johnston

was still a pupil at the school. Mr Foster told BBC Radio Mr Woodhead was "a failing chief inspector". Mr Blunkett, proposition compared with 68 was a kind man, he said, but the per cent of over-55s.

time had come to sack Mr Wood head. Alternatively, the chief inspector "should have the decency to offer his resignation".

Tomorrow, head teachers' leaders will meet to consider referring to the Director of Public Prosecutions allegations that Mr Woodhead lied under oath about the affair. David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, is putting forward the proposal because he believes the Government is trying to "sweep the matter under the carpet". Mr Foster accepted Mr

Woodhead's enemies were out to "get" him, but said that he would never have appointed him - on educational grounds. He said: "He [David Blunkett] should sack him. Or indeed, the proper thing that should happen is that Chris Woodhead should have the decency to resign." Fifty-three per cent of adults want more grammar schools, according to an NOP poll published yesterday. But there is a clear split between the gener-Four's Today programme that ations, with only 44 per cent of under-35s supporting the

TV news to reflect devolution

THE BBC unveiled a new-style By PAUL MCCANN Six O'Clock News yesterday that is intended to deal with the separate news agendas of postdevolution Britain.

The new bulletin, which will be launched on 10 May and hosted by Huw Edwards, a Welshman, will have separate end of the programme. headlines for Scotland. Northern ireland and Wales at the start of the programme, and will

The changes are intended to deal with news from the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh and Northern Ireland assemblies. At 6.30pm, Mr Edwards will

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hand over to the regional news Northern Ireland and Wales."

rooms around England and the three Celtic nations, who will return to the London studio at 6.55pm for a summary of the six o'clock. national headlines before the

"There has been a metroin the past," said Mark Popeshave regional "op-outs" from cu. editor of the new Six of reporters so that they become O'Clock News, vesterday, "And around the country at 6.15pm. now there are new institutions which we have to take account of. We have to be much more sensitive about the way different stories will play in Scotland,

BBC's board of governors decided not to give the country caster in the studio. its own separate national and

The changes are also inwill have its own dedicated staff familiar to viewers, and the

The new-style news will also BBC presenter who has been ism of the BBC.

There was outrage in Scot- fighting cancer, and for the land late last year when the first time the Six O'clock News will have its own weather fore-

The "virtual" blue set, which has international news bulletin at been in use for six years, is to be scrapped for a set that will be "warmer and more inclusive", tended to bring in younger said Mr Popescu, but the colours viewers and to make the pro- and designs are being kept under politan bias in news coverage gramme more accessible. It wraps until the programme's new look has been finalised.

He added: "Research has told us that viewers rate us for news agenda is to be adapted to trust and authority, but we take on more consumer stories. need to become more relevant, inclusive and warm. But [that] carry a sports round-up pre- doesn't mean we will dilute the sented by Helen Rollason, the journalism and professional-

British teens are 'Europe's delinquents'

TEENAGERS FROM the British BY CHERRY NORTON Isles take themselves less seriously than those in the rest of Europe, according to research. A study of children from five big cities found that those from Newcastle and Dublin were the most likely to use cannabis. shoplift, fight in the street and

vandalise buildings. "Teenagers from different cities seem to have quite different outlooks on life. Those in Continental Europe take themselves and their futures far more seriously," said Aoife Brinkley, of the psychology department at Trinity College, London. She presents her findings today at a meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Social Affairs Correspondent

The research involved nearly 3,500 children, aged 14 and 15, from Bremen in Germany,

Groningen in the Netherlands, Rome, Dublin and Newcastle. "Substance misuse and delinquent behaviour were highest in Dublin and Newcastle, where the policies promote 'abstinence is good'. In the Netherlands, where cannabis is decriminalised and the policy is much more one of teaching children about differ-

ent drugs from an early age.

less children had tried

[drugs]," Ms Brinkley said. The teenagers were asked about smoking, drinking and drug-taking as well as their attitudes to substance use and how they spent their free time.

One in 10 surveyed had tried cannabis and one in 10 had smoked it in the previous four weeks. But in Newcastle and Dublin, the number smoking cannabis was one in seven. Teenagers in Groningen and Rome were the least likely to have tried cannabis, with less than one in 20 saying they had smoked it in the previous four weeks. The findings showed that boys smoked cannabis at a younger age than girls. A third of the male users and a fifth of the female users had tried it by

the time they were aged 12. Teenagers in Newcastle and Dublin were also more likely to have tried "harder" drugs. In

Newcastle, 7 per cent had taken amphetamines, 6 per cent had sniffed glue and 5 per cent had tried "magic mushrooms".

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Children from Newcastle and Dublin were also found to be more aggressive and showed more signs of delinquent behaviour. Nearly 50 per cent of those in Dublin had fought in public and 33 per cent in Newcastle, compared with 11 per cent in Rome and 25 per cent in Groningen. They were also more likely to write graffiti - over 50 per cent in Dublin and over 33 per cent in Newcastle, compared with less than 25 per cent in the continental cities.

Traditionally, the rate of substance use among boys is double that among girls but the findings of this survey showed there was no difference between the sexes, although boys started at a younger age.

The researchers believe the differences in attitudes and use of drugs should be taken into account when designing policies and strategies to curb drug

"The importance of effective prevention strategies in reducing the demand for psycho-active substances is recognised and acknowledged in all states of Europe," Ms Brinkley said. "It does seem that in countries where they accept children are going to use drugs and focus on teaching them not to misuse them, teenagers are less likely to do so."

Women lifers serve longer than men

WOMEN GIVEN life sentences BY IAN BURRELL spend on average two years Home Affairs Correspondent longer in jail than male lifers despite evidence that they are less likely to re-offend, campaigners said yesterday.

A report published by the Howard League for Penal Reform states that in addition to longer sentences, women lifers have to cope with additional stress caused by fears about their fertility and guilt over their inability to care for children and relatives.

The report criticises the Prison Service for offering women inmates genderstereotyped training in courses such as needlework and hairdressing. It also deplores the fact that many women prisoners rely on second-hand clothing and underwear.

Recent figures published by the Home Office showed the number of women jailed for life has risen by 85 per cent in a decade to 137 in 1997.

In common with many male lifers, women are serving well over the length of time set as their "tariff" by the Home Secretary, the report found. Figures for 1997 showed that women lifers served 16.7 years in custody on average before being released on licence, compared with an average tariff of 12 years. Men served an average of 14.3 years before release.

The report said the length of

women, many of whom are sentenced for "domestic" murders, had such a low reconviction rate. None of the 52 women lifers freed since 1981 has been reconvicted of a serious offence. In contrast, 5 per cent of male lifers freed between 1989 and 1993 have been reconvicted of a serious offence.

The report said there was little training on offer to women lifers to help them to cope with life outside prison.

Although inmates were allowed to wear their own clothes, many had so little money they had to rely on hand-outs from charity, even to the extent of wearing second hand underwear, which did little to boost their self-esteem.

The Prison Service said it was already considering the issue of prisoners serving longer than the period of their tariff after the problem was highlighted in a recent joint report by the prison and probation service inspectorates. However, issues such as length of tariff set and the imposition of mandatory sentences were a matter for the Home Office.

A spokesman said the Prison Service had recognised female inmates had different needs by establishing, more than a year ago, the Women's Policy Group time served above their tariff to address their requirements was "particularly cruel" as across the service.



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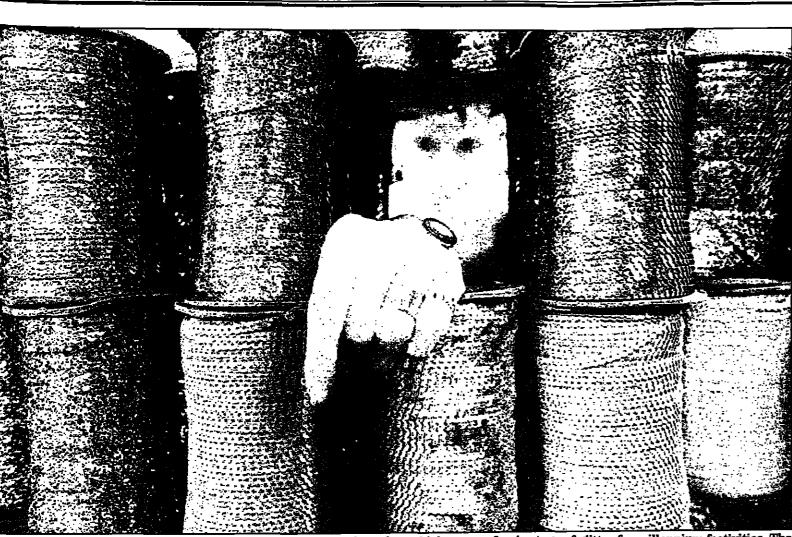
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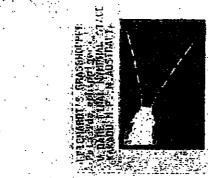
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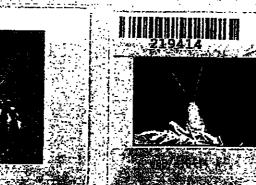






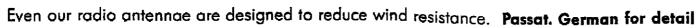














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The Industry of Nederland 21 April 1999 Russia trades Chechens for Chechens for its hostages Secretary of the Industry of th

Russian jails are being freed in return for Russian hostages and slave labourers in the bandit-infested republic.

One recent swap involved a 31-year-old Chechen, Artur Denisultanov, in prison awaiting trial in St Petersburg on kidnap and extortion charges,

which carry a 10-year sentence. His family paid a \$16,000 ransom for him and he was exchanged for Sergei Leontyey, a 19-year-old Russian soldier, abducted last year and sold into slavery in Chechnya.

Mr Leontyev says he spent much of his captivity digging pits and was sold at least three times. "The idea was a primary one," his mother. Irina, told The Independent. "I would be in again. The Williams never have seen my son again. They would have shot him as soon as he became disabled."

Vyacheslav Izmailov, a former Russian army major, organised PoW exchanges in Grozny at the end of the republic's 21-month war with Moscow. He says he arranged two swaps - two Russian captives for two Chechens in Russ-

He got to know the main Chechen hostage-takers. "They are bandits and murderers, and if we didn't do this [exchanges) the captives would end up like the ones who were beheaded," he says, a reference to the four telecommunications workers, three Britons dered in the republic last year.

Russian officials justify the svaps by citing a 1997 resolution by the Russian Duma, par-liament's lower house, which encourages exchanges for tiny playing cards and domiither on remand (and theotically required to stay in the area) or who had served twothirds of their sentences.

fuelling Chechnya's flourishing hostage racket. Both Rusin Moscow

sians and Chechens have an extra incentive to imprison one another. Kidnappings and multi-digit ransom demands have reached epidemic proportions since the war.

Now they are becoming Chechnya's main source of hard currency, and Chechnya's hapless President, Aslan Maskhadov, has been able to do nothing about it.

Officials in Moscow say at least 250 Russians are being held in the republic. Nikolai Ivanov was dispatched by the Russian authorities to Chechnya in June



Maskhadov: Powerless

1996 in the vain belief that he would be able to set up a tax police department

He was soon taken hostage, and a New Zealander, mur- and spent 113 days in captivity, mostly in pits surviving on a diet of tea and pasta. He was held with two other men, with whom he passed the time Chechen prisoners who were noes made from L&M cigarette packets.

Ivanov being a tax police colonel, initially the Chechens wanted \$500,000 for him. But the The swaps raise the risk of Russians devised a plan to exchange him for a Chechen, who had been detained after

The kidnappers "didn't consent for a long time", says Colonel Ivanov, "But our people showed the Chechen to his family to awaken them emotionally. The family began to press the head of the gang to consent. Finally, he did."

Not everyone is so lucky, Antonina Laponina, a 52-yearold vet from Moscow, is convinced her 21-year-old son, Misha, a conscripted soldier, is still alive. He disappeared shortly be-

fore the end of the war. His mother is undeterred by the dangers of visiting Chechnya, and she has made three trins there to trace him. Four times Chechens have assured Mrs Laponina her son is alive and working as a slave for a Georgian gangster.

Although no admirer of swaps, she would go through with it to see her son again. But she has no proof to show he is still alive, no photograph or "Without direct proof, the au-

thorities won't consider it," she said, "But I will go on trying. I will continue this to the end." All the signs suggest that the

hostage racket will continue. This week Boris Yeltsin said that he would meet President Maskhadov to talk about Chechnya's status, but urged the republic to abandon its claim for independence.

"We will talk about how to live on," said Mr Yeltsin, whose decision to launch a war on Grozny cost tens of thousands of lives. "What is important is that we gave (Chechnya) time to realise that it cannot live inside Russia without Russia." Such words - given the re-

public's lawlessness, internal feuding and resentment of Moscow - offer little hope of bringing stability to this cauldrop of the Caucasus, for its cit-









South Africa suspends six white police

SOUTH AFRICAN police said BY STEVEN SWINDELLS yesterday that six white officers in Johannesburg had been suspended for "despicable acts" after a BBC television documentary showed police beating handcuffed suspects, one of whom has since died in hospital.

The 12-minute film, which showed Johannesburg police attacking suspected car hiiackers, all of whom appear to be either black or "coloured", brought an outery from human rights lawyers who demanded wholesale reform of the service. But callers to the BBC's Johannesburg bureau and to local radio stations were almost universally supportive of the police, saying the alleged criminals got what they deserved. The BBC footage showed

one suspect being dragged out of his smashed car and then hit by a policeman with a rifle butt. Two other suspects were beaten while lying handcuffed on the ground and then a police dog was allowed forward to bite each man at least once. In the video, the men can be heard screaming as the dog bites their arms. Police officers can be heard laughing in the background. One man had a cigarette stubbed out on his head.

"Outlawed apartheid police practices still continue. In the police force. (Reuters)

terms of policing techniques, the police are ignorant of international norms," said Vinodh Jaichand, the national director of Lawyers for Human Rights. The film showed scenes more usually associated with the apartheid era, when police and armed forces acted with impunity against political opponents and crimi-

nals before majority rule began

in 1994. "The scenes of shocking disregard for basic human rights. has left me extremely disappointed and perturbed," the head of the police service, George Fivas, said in a statement. This type of behaviour

... is totally unacceptable." A separate police statement termed the actions "despicable acts of lawlessness" that were unacceptable and made a "mockery" of the police.

Mark Reynolds, a police spokesman, said six serving flying squad officers had been suspended and an inquiry had begun into two counts of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. The attacks are also to be investigated by an independent body that oversees

Gay judge reveals he is living with Aids

EDWIN CAMERON, a South loved ones, friends and col-African High Court judge and campaigner for gay and human rights, who declared his homosexuality three years ago. said yesterday he had Aids.

The 46-year-old judge, who made the declaration during a hearing for a position on the country's Constitutional Court, said he wished to highlight the plight of HIV sufferers in the world's most infected continent.

"The choice to speak is available to me ... because I have a job position that is secure; because I am surrounded by

leagues who support me: and because I have access to medical care," he said. "For millions of South

Africans living with HIV... these conditions do not exist. They have no jobs, or their jobs would be at risk if they spoke about their HIV."

Aids awareness groups warmly welcomed the judge's declaration. "Justice Cameron's openness is a courageous personal step," said a joint state-

Vigil planned for Tiananmen

dents has called on ordinary Chinese people to mark this year's tenth anniversary of the James 4 June Tiananmen Square massacre by lighting candles, wearing mourning clothes and giving up an evening's entertainment. An open letter signed by 16 activists also urged people not to answer their phones and to set their pagers to respond to any call with the mes-

sage: "Silence for mourning." One small stick of candle anything, but tens of thousands of candle lights will shake the unemployment has soared.

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A GROUP of mainland dissi- By TERESA POOLE

public will and create awe in the public soul," said the letter, which was released by the USbased Human Rights in China. Signatories include students who took part in the 1989 protests, and labour rights and democracy campaigners.

While publicly dismissing the anniversary, the Chinese government is concerned that it could provide a focus for solight perhaps doesn't count for cial discontent, which is run-

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tragic case of 4 June, family members of the dead, the wounded and the disabled have simmered in pain," the open let-

"Prisoners of 4 June and of conscience have suffered hardship. Unemployed workers, unaided urbanites and poor farmers have grievances that cannot be redressed, truths that cannot be said, tears that cannot be cried."

Such a call for quiet public recognition of the anniversary will reach the ordinary Chinese only through foreign radio

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"In the 10 years since the broadcasts or via the Internet. But in Peking, at least, 4 June is likely to be remembered. Security will be extremely tight this year, but the letter urged sympathisers to call foreign reporters, distribute leaflets about the crackdown and hold gatherings at home.

A Ministry of Foreign Af-

fairs spokesman, Sun Yuxi, lambasted the letter vesterday, "A minority of people outside China have plotted and organised activities which do not enjoy public support and aim at stirring up subversion against the government," he said.

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Killer faces chair saying jailer gave him drugs

THE CRIMES committed by Arthur Jenkins were, by any measure, heinous. On an October day in 1990, he and a younger brother killed an uncle and a family friend with gun shots to the head. Jenkins, in a demonic rage, also furiously stabbed the uncle in the stomach with a kitchen knife. He all but disembowelled him.

It is no surprise, therefore, that Jenkins' appointment with the executioner at the Greensville Correctional Center in Virginia at 9 o'clock last night has aroused little public interest. Barring a last-minute intervention by the Governor. James Gilmore, Jenkins will be dead by this morning.

BY DAVID USBORNE

Even as the death chamber was prepared, a more complicated story emerged, however. Jenkins, 30, had an IQ of only 65. Indeed, the case was frantically made, to no avail - the US Supreme Court rejected appeals for clemency - for his sentence to be commuted on the ground of mental incompetence. Moreover, Jenkins was on a cocktail of antipsychotic drugs for most of his life.

And his life was one of unremitting hardship. He had a childhood of abuse at the hands of his own family, physical and sexual. According to Deirdre

pion for clemency in the case. he was barely aware of the depth of his plight even at the end. When Jenkins committed murder he had, only 30 days earlier, been released from the state's Washington County jail,

He had returned to the town of Front Royal, Virginia, and the home of his aunt, Elizabeth Morris and her husband, Floyd After a night of drinking, Jenkins and his younger brother, Kevin Frame, entered the

home and committed the dou-

ble murder. At his trial, Jenk-

where he had served part of a

four-year sentence for burglary.

cause he had been sexually abused by him in childhood. The other victim was Lee A year after the trial, however,

Ms Enright stumbled on troubling information regarding Jenkins' time at the Washington prison. She was responding to allegations by the FBI against the former warden of the prison. Robert Clenenden.

Interviews she conducted with Jenkins told a startling tale: he alleged that Mr Clenenden had offered him drugs and alcohol in exchange for sex with him - charges that Mr Clenenden, now out of the system,

Enright, a Virginia lawyer who ins said he was driven to his emerged as the leading cham-savage attack on Floyd be-said the warden had allowed him to stop taking his antipsychotic medications. The implication, according to Ms Enright, is that the state was a catalyst in the tragedy in Front Royal. In other words, she told The Washington Post in an interview, the state was partly responsible for his rampage.

There was no sign last night that Governor Gilmore was being swayed by Ms Enright's entreaties, however, and death seemed certain for Jenkins. "The idea that he determined any part of his life is ludicrous," she told the Post. "Before he people had ruined him."

Mighty dollar drives out artists and poets

AMERICAN TIMES NORTH BEACH, SAN FRANCISCO

WHEN JOE DI MAGGIO first started knocking about with a bat and baseball in San Francisco's North Beach back in the 1920s, the neighbourhood was a slightly fusty Little Italy filled with old men in faded felt hats and corner cafés serving the only decent coffee in town.

There was nothing fashionable about it, stuck as it was in a hollow between the grand homes on top of Russian Hill to the west and Telegraph Hill to the east. Fisherman's Wharf, just to the north, still lived up to its name back then, and the smell of rotting fish bones wafted over North Beach with the prevailing wind off the bay.

Hard to imagine, perhaps, that the area would now be among the trendiest and most sought-after in San Francisco, or that some of the older residents would be grieving for the authentic flavour o North Beach's glorious past Then again, much can happen in the long lifespan of a Joe Di Maggio. These days, North Beach is best known as the spiritual home of the Beat poets, the place where Jack Kerouac. Allen Ginsberg and the rest settled, stayed up late and experimented with drugs in the 1950s.

Pick your way around the neighbourhood selectively. and it still looks a bit like an artists colony. The City Lights bookstore, the Mecca of the Beat Generation is still there. as is its founder, the poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti.

The area is still dotted with Italian cafés and restaurants. even if the faded felt hats, and the old men from Genoa and Trieste who wore them, are long gone. But North Beach, rather like the St Germaindes-Prés in Paris, has become a curious sort of shrine to its old self, precious to the point of self-parody, a magnet for tourists and new residents who fancy themselves to be treading hallowed turf, but who discover that in truth the ground has long since been lesecrated. The dilapidated



Coit Tower on Telegraph Hill. San Francisco

and real estate prices have shot through the roof.

All the truly impoverished artists packed up and left years ago, as did the dockers of Fisherman's Wharf The corner cafés have not so much disappeared as been subtly transformed. Their menus still bear Italian names espresso, cappuccino and latte - but what gets served is the Americanised, Pacific Northwest version of Italian coffee, no more than an ersatz replica at twice the price.

rors, the chain stores beckon. The Californian burger phenomenon Carl's Jr. has already arrived, as has the (admittedly upscale) icecream emporium Ben and Jerry's. Rite-Aid wants to open a giant drugstore in the Pagoda Palace, on the rim of Chinatown; 7-Eleven and Starbucks have been turned not easily deterred.

And now, horror of hor-

In any other American city, the arrival of such outlets would be no more than business as usual. But San Francisco has always prided itself on its rugged individuality, houses have been done up, and their incursions come as

a profound shock, especially in hip, bohemian North Beach There is an old Indian myth that San Francisco was once an island, and that's how most of us saw it when we first

arrived. It didn't seem to be part of the United States at all," reminisced Lawrence Ferlinghetti, who still lives in the area. "As it gentrifies, what made San Francisco special is disappearing fast. It's impossible for an artist or poet to live here any more." The changes in North

Beach have caused such upset that one of San Francisco's city supervisors, Mark Leno, has proposed a moratorium on all new businesses. 'I'm just looking for time out, a breather, so we can come up with a more comprehensive plan to preserve the unique character of the neighbourhood," he said recently.

Perhaps Mr Leno protests a shade too much. After all, the "unique character" also includes old sex shops that nobody has ever much liked, and old dives that probably would have gone out of business sooner or later anyway.

One of the biggest changes in North Beach, and one that gets little mention, is the expansion of Chinatown, which has now absorbed as much as half of the old neighbourhood. Nobody could accuse the noisy Asian food shops selling live fish and thick clumps of ginger of being yuppyish; one can't help feeling there's a hint of racism amid the nostalgia.

One thing that remains unchanged, or almost, is the park where Joe Di Maggio used to practise. It was a stubby wedge of asphalt then, and it is a stubby wedge of asphalt now. Sure, a couple of children's swings have been away for the moment, but are added, and there is talk of naming the spot after San Francisco's recently deceased baseball genius.

But those aren't the sorts of changes to prompt complaints. Remember, the smell of rotting fish vanished years ago. ANDREW GUMBEL

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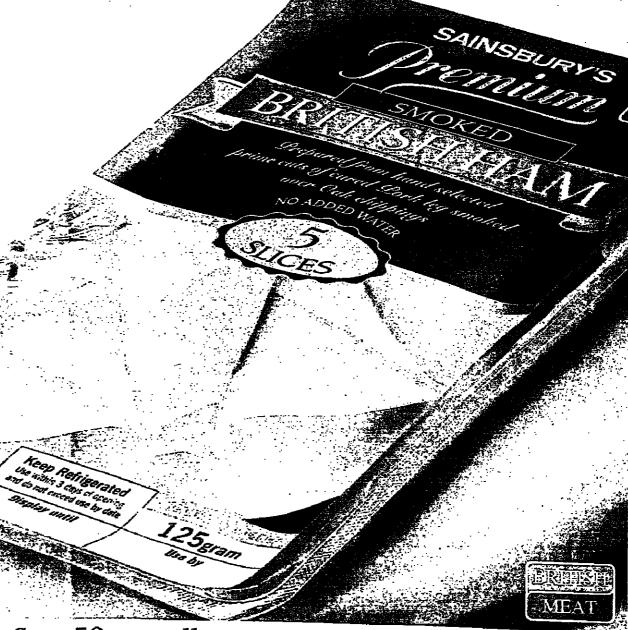
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Vallance in the frame at CBI

BT CHAIRMAN Sir Iain Vallance was yesterday nominated as deputy president of the Confederation of British Industry. His name now goes forward to the CBI's annual meeting for election on 20 July. On election he would be expected to serve for a year as deputy to the current president, Sir Clive Thompson, and would succeed him as president in July 2000 for a two-year term. Sir lain is also vice-chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland, vicechairman of the European Advisory Committee to the New York Stock Exchange, and a member of the CBI President's Committee.

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PRUDENTIAL'S premium income hit £2.5bn in the first quarter, a rise of 32 per cent over the period last year, chief executive Sir Peter Davis said yesterday. Egg, the core of the Pru's new banking business, has more than 400,000 customers and deposits in excess of £5bn, a rise of almost £3bn in the first quarter.

The Pru's premium growth topped forecasts and was in line with that reported by Norwich Union. UK premium income rose by 18 per cent to £1.5bn, including a 24 per cent rise to £1bn in premiums through Scottish Amicable, the subsidiary working through independent financial advisers. Prudential closed 23p lower at 787.5p.

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Canada (S)	2.3352
Cyprus (pounds)	0.8464
Denmark (kroner)	10.97
Finland (markka)	8.7519
France (francs)	9.6323
Germany (marks)	2.8809
Greece (drachma)	478.24
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Japan (yen)	5.8187

Mexican (nuevo peso)	13.96
Netherlands (guilders)	3.2321
New Zealand (5)	2.8131
Norway (kroner)	12.23
Portugal (escudos)	292.83
Saudi Arabia (rials)	5.8733
Singapore (S)	2,6100
South Africa (rands)	9.3879
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fuels fear bull run is over

SHARES IN London went into BY DIANE COYLE sharp reverse yesterday, taking their lead from Monday's nosedive in US technology stocks.

The FTSE 100 index ended down nearly 196 points, or 3 per cent, at 195.5 - its fourth-biggest drop ever in points terms and the second biggest since the October 1987 crash.

Earlier in the day the FTSE as 235 points, but the index stabilised when the Dow Jones index recouped some of its midday the Dow was nearly 60 points lower at 10,380.97, following Monday's closing loss of

AND LEA PATERSON

The volatility in London and New York in recent days reflects fears that the great bull market could be nearing its end. The International Monetary Fund contributed to these fears yesterday, with its chief economist, Michael Mussa, warning that US 100 had been down by as much share prices could see a 20 per

cent correction. Mr Mussa said; "The market looks to be very handsomely early losses in New York. At priced at present and bringing prices down to a more normal relationship to earnings could easily suggest a 20 per cent cor-

about this for the last two-anda-half years or so and it has not banking sector. happened yet, so it is by no means a sure bet."

FTSE's 196-point plunge

much-hyped high-technology stocks. The US Nasdaq index dived 5.6 per cent on Monday but staged a recovery yesterday morning. This was led by Microsoft, expected to announce good first-quarter earnings after the market closed.

The US rebound came too the UK market looking a bit vullate for London, where Dixons nerable." was one of yesterday's biggest casualties. Its shares ended

he added, cautiously: "I em-phasise we have been talking and telecoms shares also fell, and there was profit taking in the

Ken Wattret at Paribas said: "What seems to be happening Uncertainty centred on the is a revision of earnings potential for some of the sectors that have been performing exceptionally well of late. In the case of the UK, some of these sectors - such as pharmaceuticals and telecoms have a heavy weighting in the FTSE 100 index. This all leaves

> Bill O'Neill, global strategist at HSBC Securities, said: "The

the limited sector exposure we that has been having a large impact is pharmaceutical stocks."

The stock market gyrations overshadowed new figures yesterday showing an increase in inflation due to increases in duties announced in last month's Budget.

The headline rate of inflation was unchanged at 2.1 per cent in March. But the Government's target measure - the RPI less mortgage interest payments rose from 2.4 per cent in Feb-

nology débacle has hit ties and the 25 increase in ve-European markets in terms of hicle excise duty accounted for the rise. Much of this effect will have here. The other sector be reversed next month as the impact of higher fuel duties in March simply reflected the fact that the Budget was earlier this year than last year.

Separate figures showed that the Government's finances were in even better shape than the Treasury forecast last month, recording a surplus for the first time since 1990/91. The £7.4bn in 1998 99, and net borrowing was in surplus by £5.2bn compared with a forecast figure

Room for more UK rate cuts, says IMF

BRITAIN SHOULD be able to cut BY ANDREW MARSHALL interest rates further over the next few months to boost growth, the International Mon-risks for next year, and said the etary Fund said yesterday.

In its semi-annual report on the world economy, the IMF painted a gloomy forecast of the worst of its slowdown, the economic conditions in Europe, Japan and South America, and said that only continued strong growth in the US would hold up world expansion.

But it warned of growing

in Washington

world economic slowdown could enter a third year.

Britain was probably past IMF's chief economist, Michael Mussa, said. The Fund cut its forecast for economic growth in Britain to 0.7 per cent for this year - below Treasury predictions but in line with private secconcern over the downside tor thinking. Mr Mussa said. cline against the euro, the Fund growth to 1.9 per cent for this was not clear what the effects director: Uncertain risks

0.5 percentage points from its December outlook, The IMF sees growth rising by 2.1 per cent next year, again less than originally forecast and well

below the euro area average. There will be room for the Bank of England to make further interest-rate cuts, said Mr Mussa. "That would be my guess, that we will see some further cuts in interest rates."

Sterling is expected to de-

That is a forecast reduction of said, as the dollar also weakens. year and forecast roughly the "Sterling is currently, relative same in 2000, allowing it to to its performance over most of maintain its forecast for world this decade, unusually appre- economic growth at 2.3 per ciated," he said. "Over time, cent for this year, with a more sterling is likely to correct robust 3.4 per cent next year.

downward against the euro." The Fund also cut its growth forecasts for the other European economies, Japan, developing nations and the countries in transition in central and eastern Europe for this year. But it raised its estimate of US

But the IMF admitted there was an uncertain balance of risks for 2000. There were big questions over whether the US could manage a soft landing; Europe's recovery was uncertain; the Russian economy was full of question marks; and it



Michel Camdessus, IMF

Debenhams' finance director, Matthew Roberts, reporting half-year profits of £79.1m yesterday. The store

group is planning to boost its electronic commerce operations - Investment, page 19

Leschly defends his £10m pay

JAN LESCHLY, chief executive of BY MICHAEL HARRISON SmithKline Beecham, yesterday defended the £10m pay package he earned last year and indicated that the company would resist any shareholder attempts to modify its incentive schemes at next week's annual

Speaking as SKB unveiled a better-than-expected 16 per cent rise in first-quarter profits to £510m, Mr Leschly said: "Obviously there are some people who don't like it, but our shareholders have benefited massively. The shareholders have

nothing to complain about." Mr Leschly's pay was the subject of new controversy earlier this month when it emerged that his total package, including salary and share options, has been worth £93m in the nine

years he has headed the group Last year his £1.9m salary was boosted by an award of shares worth a further £8.5m under SKB's long-term incentive and share options programmes.

Mr Leschly argued that the market value of SKB had risen from £8bn to £50bn over the same period. He also said the company had "co-operated closely with its major shareholders" in setting remuneration policy, pointing out that 95 per cent of SKB's sales were outside the UK while its management competed on a global scale with US and European rivals.

He said the response from institutions had been supportive. even though one or two big shareholders, led by Standard



cannot complain'

Life, were unhappy with the way incentive schemes were framed. "We will be debating this next week, and we always listen to what our major shareholders have to say," Mr Leschly added. cancer are continuing.

He said SKB expected to get approval to start marketing its biggest-selling drug, the anti-depressant treatment Seroxat, as

a treatment for social phobia. He also said he expected to receive US approval in May for its next blockbuster, the diabetes treatment Avandia. There are 100 million sufferers of type two diabetes worldwide, of which 16 million are in the US, and the market for treatments is put at several billion pounds.

But SKB has stopped work on the development of its herpes drug, Famvir, as a treatment of hepatitis B as clinical trials had not shown the hoped-for benefits. For the same reason, idoxifene is not now being developed as a treatment for osteoporosis, but its trials in advanced breast

go-ahead to \$180bn deal

was last night reported to have AND ANDREW GARFIELD conditionally approved a \$180bn (£112bn) merger with Deutsche Telecom after a marathon twoday session, creating the world's biggest telecoms company

Details of the terms of the agreement remained sketchy, but according to reports on Italian television the deal was finally struck in Milan after objections of a minority of Telecom Italia board members were overcome. It is understood that the Tele-

com Italia board approval is conditional on the German government guaranteeing parity between the two companies in the enlarged group.

Earlier in the day it had seemed that the deal - the biggest merger in European corporate history - was slipping away because of Italian concerns about the shareholding structure.

The merger as initially proposed would have left Deutsche Telekom with 56 per cent of the enlarged company and effective management control. Under the provisional terms. Telecom Italia shares would have been valued at 12.72 euros, valuing the company overall at \$67bn against Deutsche Telekom's market value of \$110bn.

But Telecom Italia board members were holding out for a merger agreement that would give each company equal stakes of 50 per cent, despite the fact that the German company is considerably larger. The Telecom Italia board is now expectshareholders meeting to markets were moribund.

THE BOARD of Telecom Italia By Michael Harrison

approve the merger provided it received a German guarantee of

If the deal goes through, it will thwart a rival hostile offer from Olivetti, valuing Telecom Italia at 11.5 euros a share or £40bn. Olivetti increased its bid from 10 euros earlier this month.

Meanwhile, the French accused Deutsche Telekom of stabbing them in the back over the merger and have warned that the Germans could face financial sanctions if they press ahead with the deal. France Telecom, which says

the deal would be a breach of the cross-shareholding agreement the French and German telephone companies signed last autumn, said in a statement: "The agreements with Deutsche Telekom are precise and incompatible with a unilateral strategic change of direction."

France Telecom is outraged that the deal has been negotiated, as it sees it, behind its back. Sources say that the first the France Telecom chairman. Michel Bon, heard of the talks was on Monday when he attended a Deutsche Telekom board meeting in Bonn.

France Telecom shares have been badly hit in Paris, falling more than 5 per cent on Monday alone. Analysts in France are already pronouncing the France Telecom-Deutsche Telekom deal dead, saying the attempts by the two to work jointly to ed to meet today to convene a break into the UK and Italian

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

THE UK stockmarket was marked down from the start as dealers reacted to selling of hi-tech stocks in the Nasdag index and a wobbly start to the Dow Jones. The FTSE-100 ended 195.5 points lower to 6,319.8, the second largest point fall since the crash of 1987. The smaller indices fared better. The FTSE-250 closed 95.8 down to 5753.6, while the Small Cap finished 16.6 lower at 2473.0. Dixons fell more than 8 per cent as investors sold Internet-related

NEW YORK

BY MIDDAY, the Nasdaq index, which on Monday suffered one of its steepest losses ever, was up 32,02 at 2,377.63. However, industrial shares, one of the most popular buys on the markets last week, continued to suffer. At lunch-time, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 34.93 at 10,405,60. "I don't think the tech group will

stay down. This is just a normal

pause to refresh," said Alfred E.

Goldman, chief market strategist

TOKYO SHARES closed up 0.1 per cent at

16,697.11. The negligible rise continues a sideways move for Tokyo's Nikkei 225 share index. since it rose to its highest level in over a year earlier this month. The market closed after a day of indecisive dealing in Tokyo with Japanese stocks in London also showing a mixed and directionless performance. Despite a level of bargain hunting in some blue chip names a flat performance predominated as the market seeks a fresh direction.

HONG KONG

THE HANG SENG index closed sharply down 356.66 points at 12,409.78 as investors reacted to worries about Wall Street. The fall came in spite of positive land auction results on sites on Hong Kong island, Kowloon and the New Territories. Hong Kong Telecommunications shares fell 6.17 per cent, accounting for 69 points of the Hang Seng index decline. HSBC Holdings fell 1.07 per cent while Cheung Kong fell 3.26 per cent and Sun Hung Kai Properties lost 1.87 per cent.

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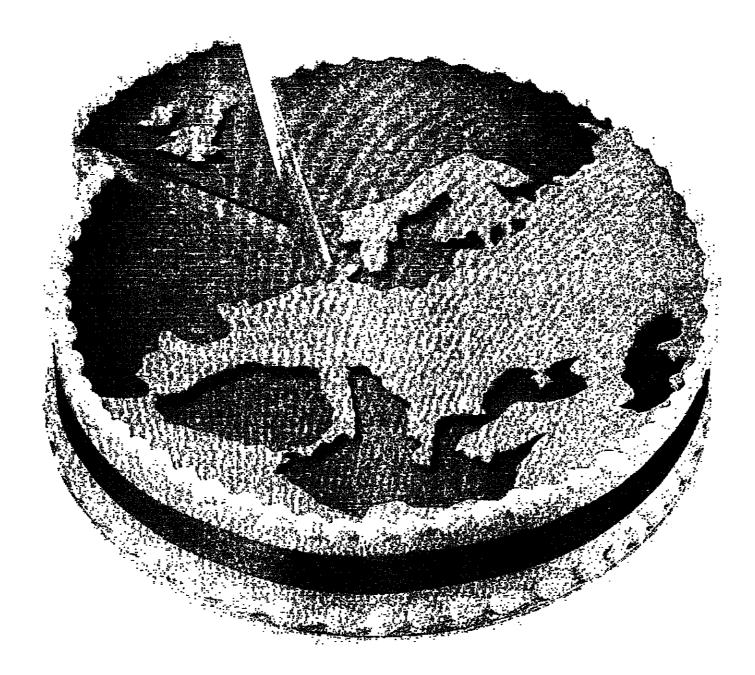
GERMAN SHARES lost almost 3 per cent yesterday as Wall Street's woes spilled over to Continental Europe.

The electronically-traded Xetra DAX ended the day down 2.87 per cent at 5,101.41, while the floor DAX tumbled 2.55 percent to

5,087.29. Telecom stocks were among the major fallers, with Mannesmann tumbling1.63 per cent to 117.70 euros and Deutsche Telekom down3.43 per cent at

stocks. Market Report, page 19

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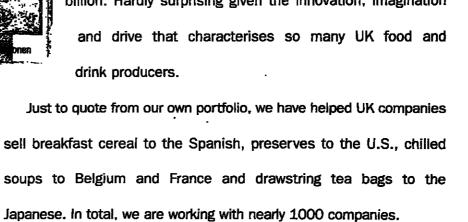
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Building your business abroad

Time to go back to traditional values

AS MARKETS go ever higher, investors grow steadily more exposed and nervous. Sensing the peak, they are more and more prone to bouts of panic, particularly in the most highly valued sectors of

Since there appears to be no other explanation for Monday's late sell-off on Wall Street, we are forced to fall back on these psychological observations about the nature of markets.

After the heady gains of recent months, investors simply ran scared. Is this latest loss of nerve going to turn into a rout, similar to last Autumn's crash, or is this just another minor wobble?

As always, it is impossible to answer this question with any certainty, but one thing does seem clear there is no good reason for markets to plunge into the abyss quite yet, and for that reason if no other, they probably won't.

Wall Street has so far survived the crisis of the Far East, Russia and Brazil, with only very temporary damage. War in Europe seems to have gone by largely unnoticed by financial markets and meanwhile, economic growth in the US shows no sign of abating.



OUTLOOK

Obviously it is the case that Western equity markets cannot keep growing indefinitely at their re-cent rate; eventually there must be a correction to bring them back to their long term rate of return of about 8 per cent per annum. Given the length of time they have outperformed that level, it is inevitable that eventually they will underperform it, possibly for a period of many years. As ever, the \$64,000 question is whether that time has now ar-

Once again, this seems rather unlikely, not withstanding the number of valuation warning bells now going off right left and centre. Over the last two years, Wall Street has

nearly doubled, a level of gain simprice earnings ratio has reached its an extremely welcome one. highest ever level. Similarly, the dividend yield is at its lowest while the value of US stock markets as a percentage of the economy is more than ever before.

But are these good reasons for a crash? A crash needs a cause and it is in vain that one searches for one. In the US, the economic outlook continues to look benign, things seem to be looking up in Japan and even in sluggish old Europe, the outlook is hardly dire. Meanwhile, the old arguments about liquidity - where else can the money go except into Western equity markets - remain as potent as

None the less, there is plainly something significant going on in markets right now. Over the last week or so there seems to have been a pronounced swing in sentiment away from overvalued growth stocks in the IT and life science sectors, and back towards neglected and more cyclical traditional industries. In the search for value, this seems a logical enough development. Indeed, it seems odd that in- ty to reach. For it is questionable

ilar to that which preceded the yielding stocks for so long. For crash of 1929, and the average most chief executives, it will also be

AA conversion

THE de-mutualisation bandwagon rolls inexorably on. The RAC's mo-toring services division has already skidded on to the block. Now the century old Automobile Association is also examining its options with a trade sale the most likely outcome. Would it be worth it?

The first thing to realise is that any windfall pay-out would be relatively small. Unlike the RAC, where the crusty old members of the RAC club on Pall Mall stand to net a tidy £33,000 each and ordinary members are left empty handed, the AA is a more democratic or-

Any spoils would have to be shared equally among all its 4.3m ordinary members, which at most would mean a paltry £300 each. Given that the AA's rules require two thirds of its members to vote in favour of a change of ownership this might prove a difficult majori-

vestors have ignored these higher that a change of ownership would To be fair on John Maxwell, the AA's give ground unduly. The question for necessarily improve the group's for-

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In the banking sector, the mutually owned building societies have found it easy to undercut their converted peers on mortgage rates because they do not have dividend payments to make. This so called mutual dividend is not to be sneezed at. The question is whether it exists at the AA.

Most people regard the AA as a reasonably efficient service and its "surplus" of £22m on sales of £578m are reasonable for a not-forprofit organisation. The AA has fought hard for its 48 per cent market share and in doing so it has shown considerable commercial

But there are problems. The breakdown and insurance market is becoming more competitive with Green Flag and a host of other new entrants. In insurance products, AA's premiums may not seem exhorbitant but there are cheaper rates available for those prepared to shop around.

If the AA is being undercut by rivals that also serve the needs of shareholders, then the value of its mutual status has to be questioned.

director general, the organisation seems to have recognised this by getting out of non-core activities like high street shops and concentrating on enhancing its core service. However, it may have to do more to

there really is a benefit to customers in remaining mutual.

Water charges

IAN BYATT, director general of Ofwat, last year demanded a one off cut in water charges of 15 to 20 per cent in his five year review of industry price caps. The water com-panies have since responded with their own business plans, which were published yesterday by Ofwat. Surprise - only one of them. Severn Trent, proposes any kind of reduction at all, while another, Anglian, wants an increase of more than 10 per cent.

On both sides, these are opening shot demands, negotiating positions from which some retreat may be possible. Even so, this is quite a mate. gap and given the pressure on Mr Byatt to deliver a politically acceptable solution, he will be unwilling to

the water companies is whether this is worth going to the barricades over by subjecting themselves to a Com-

petition Commission investigation. The last utility to do this was British Gas, and it ended up with an demonstrate unequivocally that even worse outcome than that suggested by the regulator. Thames Water and others have in the past suggested a face saving compromise - the idea that mergers within the in-dustry would yield the sort of cost savings that might allow such sharp reductions in bills to be pushed through - but the response from Mr Byatt has so far been quite negative.

Certainly the cards seem heavily stacked against the water companies. The experience of gas is that these one time state owned utilities are capable of delivering even on the most draconian of demands and still leaving something for the share-

Mr Byatt's assumptions about return on capital are by no means outrageous given the absolute monopoly of most water companies and the present low interest rate cli-

The water companies would be foolish to expect any more than

MPC man

launches

attack on

European

A MEMBER of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee has launched a scathing

critique of the European Cen-

tral Bank, warning that its

structure could ultimately un-

dermine the viability of mone-

In a policy paper published

by the Centre for Economics

and Policy Research (CEPR).

Willem Buiter, a member of the

MPC since June 1997, argues

for a series of reforms designed

to improve transparency and accountability at the ECB.

Unless the reforms are im-

plemented, he says, "the ECB's

deficiencies pose a threat to its

continued operational inde-

could put the common curren-

Mr Buiter urged the ECB to

adopt a Bank of England-style

inflation target, which is both

clearly defined and symmetri-

cal - in the UK, inflation should

neither undershoot nor over-

cy's survival at risk."

Bank

tary union.

BY LEA PATERSON

SG Paribas attacks AXA role in bank bid battle

A BEHIND-THE-SCENES row over the role of AXA, the insurance group, as kingmaker in France's \$36bn (£22.4bn) banking bid battle burst into the open yesterday, as Société Genérale and Paribas disputellaims that they had acquiesced in attempts by AXA to proposed would cost at least broke a three-way merger with rival BNP shortly before it launched a counterbid they are now fighting to the death.

AXA chairman Claude Bebéar claimed that Paribas chairman Andre Levy-Lang and SocGen chairman Daniel Bouton, who struck a \$19bn merger early in February, had agreed later that month that a merger with BNP would be of interest - just days before BNP gatecrashed their deal with a hostile counterbid.

The claim was intended to punch a hole in SG Paribas' defence that the three-way cost-cutting retail bank merger was a hostile act and would never work because of its complexity.

However, Mr Levy-Lang and Mr Bouton yesterday contested Mr Bebéar's version of events. They said Mr Bebéar had raised the question of a perger with BNP with them on To February, when he expressed concern about BNP being left in the cold by the SG Paribas deal.

However, they insisted that after several meetings with Mr Bebéar, they eventually concluded that the deal would not make sense and phoned Mr Bebear on 27 February from their car on the way to Heathrow airport to tell him they were not interested in a three-way deal. Mr Bouton said yesterday:

"We said you had to deliver a complete project - that is SG Paribas. Maybe two or three years later we should look at whether it would make sense either to do a deal with a retail with Crédit Lyonnais, or why not BNP? But the answer would have been two years from now and would have been dictated by the market." SG Paribas has repeatedly

rejected appeals from BNP chairman Michel Pebereau to meet for talks. Mr Levy-Lang claimed yesterday that the three-way deal Mr Pebereau 500m euros in lost business. That had to be set against the risk that the savings BNP claims will flow from integrating computer systems - a one-

back the BNP bid.

hostile party.

SG Paribas claims the pact has dealt a serious blow to BNP which was relying on the support of AXA to deliver Paribas into its hands. But AXA claims the agreement is no longer binding and has vowed to press on with its support regardless

Jean-Jacques Ogier, head of

Financial Editor, in Paris

to use legal means to stop AXA holding in Paribas in favour of the BNP bid. It bases this threat on a 10-year-old agreement it made public earlier this AXA selling its shares to a

The hostility at Paribas to

off - could be delivered.

Yesterday's exchanges have brought into the open the shadowy role of Mr Bebéar as kingmaker in the affair. However, the increasingly acrimonious tone is symptomatic of the growing tension between SG. Paribas and AXA, Paribas'

Earlier this week, Paribas

largest shareholder.

Mr Levy-Lang is angered at the way Mr Bebéar initially supported the SG Paribas deal, only to switch horses later and

raised the stakes with a threat voting its 6.7 per cent shareweek which it says prevents

AXA was palpable yesterday. Senior executives at SocGen are equally scathing about BNP, which they accuse of lying when it claims that its three-way merger proposal can deliver more cost savings without branch closures or job

SocGen's retail banking arm, said: "Someone is lying to someone. Either BNP is lying to its shareholders or BNP is lying to its staff."

ROYAL DUTCH SHELL paid out By MICHAEL HARRISON more than \$9m (£5.6m) in fines

last year for breaches of health, safety and environmental regulations, but the number of employees sacked for bribery fell sharply, according to the oil giant's latest ethical report.

The number of contractors dismissed for failing to comply with Shell's health and safety standards or general business principles also fell significantly from 95 in 1997 to 69. In one

case the company withdrew entirely from a joint venture because it was unhappy with its partner's ethical standards.

The number of employees among the 100,000-strong workforce sacked for accepting or soliciting bribes fell from 23 in 1997 to three last year, with a further three cases awaiting de-

Shell chairman, said it was impossible to tell whether this was because the group's tough stand on bribery and corruption

Shell pays \$9m in health and safety fines

Mark Mosto - Stuart

was paying off. He rebuffed suggestions that, despite the reduction in incidents of bribery among Shell staff, the company was still hiding behind contractors who routinely offered bribes in

countries such as Nigeria.

oil companies it could not do business with.

He declined to name the joint venture Shell withdrew from, arguing that if it published the identities of all companies it refused to do business with it could run into legal difficul-Mr Moody-Stuart said Shell ties and possibly challenges

tractors it knew to be corrupt,

but that if it were to impose its

own ethical standards on every-

one there would be some major

But Mark Moody-Stuart, the would never deal with con- from the European Commis-

Last year the company distributed 900,000 "Tell Shell" cards inviting individuals to give their views on the company's ethical performance. It received only 288 replies. Mr Moody-Stuart rejected suggestions Shell had overreacted to criticism relating to events such as the Brent Spar oil rig disposal and the execution of Ken Saro Wiwa in Nigeria.

shoot the Government's 2.5 per cent target. According to Mr Buiter, a Dutch academic who describes himself as a longstanding European federalist,

"The [ECB] target is fuzzy, and that I don't like." The ECB should publish the voting records of its members. its inflation forecast and the minutes of its meetings, Mr Buiter argues. National governors should not automatically be given seats on the European Governing Council, and the ECB

> financial stability in Euroland. Mr Buiter's remarks coincide with the release of the ECB's monthly bulletin, which says that the unexpected decision earlier this month to cut European interest rates by 0.5 "maintaining price stability".

should be charged explicitly

with responsibility for systemic

CINMan sale 'netted only half value'

THE 249M privatisation of CIN-Man - the former British Coal subsidiary that manages £18bn worth of mineworkers' pension funds - was criticised yesterday in a National Audit Office (NAO) report which showed that the sale netted only half the potential pro-

The NAO also attacked the squabbling between the Department of Trade and Industry, British Coal, the trustees of the pension schemes and the CINMan management.

These conflicts delayed the completion of the sale for £6.74m in November 1995. almost a year and resulted in

By Michael Harrison

sale costs of £7.7m - equivalent to one-sixth of the total proceeds raised by the privatisation. The sale of the business, in three parts, took 18 months to complete and raised £48.9m before tax and costs.

CINMan was put up for sale as one business in April 1995, but one month later the entire management of its venture capital division, CINVen, threatened to resign unless it was sold separately. CINVen was ultimately sold

to a management buyout for In the same month the

trustees of the two pension John Bourn, says potential schemes blocked the sale of the main part of the business to Friends Provident for £75.5m, even though it was backed by British Coal and by half of the CINMan manage-

The business was then split into two parts - one managing the funds tied up in securities, the other managing its property interests. The securities business was eventually sold to Goldman Sachs Asset Management for £32.5m, while the property arm was bought by La Salle Partners for £9.7m. In his report, the Comptroller and Auditor General, Sir different parties should have been resolved before the sale got under way. He says these prevented a

conflicts of interest between

clean-cut sale and also pro-

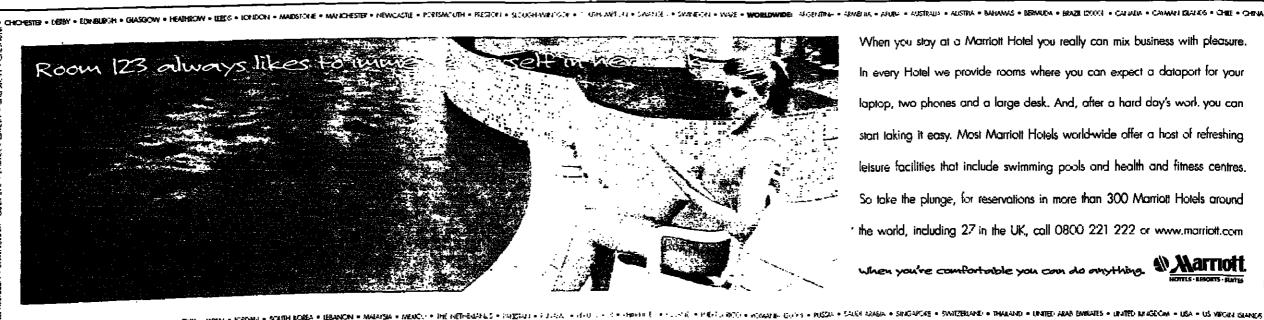
were higher than if there had been greater clarity of objectives, with the full agreement of all parties from the start."

COMPANY RESULTS							
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longed the sale process itself.

"This uncertainty and delay

meant that the costs of the sale



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BY ANNA MINTON

Buyers' strike tips Footsie off its heady peak

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rise to 679.5p. Reckitt was

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Buffett as his favourite blue

Two other alleged Buffett

targets, Marks & Spencer

and Diageo, were also on the

up. M&S bagged a 11p rise to

444.25p, while the Guinness

brewer rose a smooth 12p to

The meagre list of FTSE

100 risers was completed by

SHARE SPOTLIGHT

Share price, pence

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SmithKline Beecham, which

injected a 14.5p jump to 826p,

and Daily Mail, up 23p to 3,285

after Schroders upgraded its

posed £448m cash-back, ex-

lower to 1,230p as the Web link

that has propelled the shares to absurd heights came back

services group FI crashed

software maker Sage, down 192.5p to 1,925p. Even the all-

conquering Psion bowed to

the pressure, sliding 77.5p to

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LONDON SHARES took a massive tumble yesterday as the overnight tribulations of the US hi-tech and Internet stocks inspired a bout of selling in their UK counterparts.

The negative mood quickly spread to other highlyrated stocks, and profit takers emerged among recent star performers such as telecoms and financials.

The bearish mood kicked the FTSE 100 off its pedestal. The blue-chip index started the day from the comfort of another all-time peak but quickly fell out of bed, finishing 195.5 points off at 6,319.8. It was the second-biggest point fall since the crash of 1987, but most market players were unruffled and seemed more concerned with some bomb hoaxes in a couple of City institutions.

A heavy sell-off of techie stocks on Nasdaq on Monday, coupled with an uncertain start for the Dow yesterday. were seen as the chief culprits. Traders also said the London fall was due more to a lack of buyers than a rush to sell. The turnover figure over a 1 billion but below the 1.4 billion registered on Monday, lent weight to the buyers'

strike argument. The undercard took a smaller pasting. The FTSE 250 lost 95.8 points to 5,753.6, while the small cap fared even better, ending a mere 16.6 points off at 2,473.0.

A few resilient takeover rumours survived the minor market bloodbath. Greenalls, the pubs and De Vere hotels group, fizzed 8.5p higher to 345.5p after the return of the old chestnut of a bid from a rival beer group. Bass, up 23p to 898p, is the hot tip. There are whispers of an offer

THERE IS the whiff of corporate action at Waverley Mining, a hardpressed Scottish coal The shares yesterday

moved 0.25p higher to 5.5p. They were once 132p. A couple of investors are thought to be building a stake in the group, which owns over a quarter of a privately-owned coal mining group and around 20 per cent of an Australian field. It is rumoured that the investors could look at a bid for the whole group.

of 480p a share, valuing Greenalls at about £1.2bn. Old favourite Whitbread was also the subject of some bar talk. serving up a 31p advance to 1,038p. Greenalls will be a great catch for Whitbread, as it would boost its David Lloyd fitness clubs and add a sizeable chunks of pubs. The prospect of a takeover of to haunt it. The computer Greenalls triggered hopes of a bid for the regional hotelier 37.5p to 287.5p, followed by the Swallow Group, which booked a 12.5p rise to 317.5p.

Bass and Whitbread were two of only 11 blue chips to rise on the day. Imperial Chemical Industries was the leader of this thin pack, putting on 32p to 705.5p as buyers moved in ahead of tomorrow's re- coms group rang up a 137p

loss to 1,551p. Another high-flyer, Colt Telecom, slumped MARKET 83p to 1,070p as ABN Amro REPORT said "overvalued".

Fellow telecoms providers Telewest, down 20p to 252.75p, and Cable & Wireiess Communications, 31.5p lower at 658.5p, felt the pinch of a regulatory probe. Reuters dug its own grave, falling 70.5p to 861.5p on poor first-quarter figures.

CGU slumped 37p to 940p after warning that trading conditions in the general insurance market remain tough, Rival Sun Life & beleaguered chemicals sector Provincial fell 36p to 529.5p.

Kingfisher was another big loser, shedding 50p to 746p. The latest slump values the Woolworths-to-B&Q bid for Asda at a mere 169p per group cleaned up with a 18p share. Asda was trading well above that yesterday, finishing at 183.75p despite a 10p fall. aided by speculation that it When Kingfisher launched its all-paper bid, it valued each Asda share at 198p.

Prudential lost 23p to 787.5p despite good new business figures, just like fellow insurer Legal & General, down 15p to 718.5p. NatWest had a 44p deficit at 1,522p despite an upbeat trading statement. Fears of a holiday price war sent Thomson Travel 16p lower to 159p, while Airtours, still mulling an offer for First

Choice, nosedived 35p to

St Ives, the paper group, inspired brokers with a positive set of figures and soared 49p to 530.5p. Hepworth was nearby in the FTSE 250 biggest risers' chart; the boilermaker sparked 14p higher to 195p as old talk of a overseas bidder resurfaced. Hepworth could also bid for Polypipe, up 0.5 to 209.5p. Among the minnows, the

DURING A DAY when Internet-related stocks were savaged by sellers, Affinity Internet managed to more than double its value.

The company debuted on the Alternative The other takeover rumour Investment Market with a of the day centred on North-73.5p rise to143.5p, well up ern Foods. The chilled food from its 70p float price. maker cooked up a 7.5p rise Affinity, which designs websites for several to 115.5p on vague talk of a companies, including strike by its bigger rival Associated British Food. The Arsenal football club and the retailer Toys 'R' Us. fact that ABF, down 9.25p to also raised £2.75m 434,25p on brokers' downgrades, will still have around through a placing at the £1bn in the kitty after its profloat price.

The fallers' chart made crockery maker Denby posted a cracking 24.5p advance sorry reading for Internet, after announcing that it is in computer and telecoms offer talks. Portmeirion, up 5p stocks - the recent market stalwarts. Dixons, the electo 147.5p, and John Tams, flat at 17.5p, were dragged into the trical retailer with an Internet bid frenzy. twist, shortcircuited 108p

Ivernia West, an Irish mining company, dug up a 6p advance to 44p after taking a stake in an Australian lead mine. Jurys Hotels rose 9p to 557.5p after launching a £187.6m bid for fellow Irish host Doyle Hotel. Vague talk of a bid for the chemical group Yorkshire left the shares unchanged at 112.5p.

SEAQ VOLUME: 1.2 billion SEAQ TRADES: 96,676 GILTS INDEX: 111.46 +0.51

Debenhams to start selling on the Internet build 33% profit rise

DEBENHAMS, the department By NIGEL COPE store group that was demerged from Burton just over a year ago, will start selling goods on the Internet in the autumn as it steps up its interests in electronic com-

Debenhams already has a web site and it plans soon to upgrade its wedding list service so that items can be ordered on the Internet. It will make more regular merchandise available for Internet ordering and is also planning to extend its Internet cafe concept, which is currently a

single outlet in central London. In addition, Terry Green, chief executive, said Debenhams was holding "initial discussions with third parties to set up joint ventures either related to the Internet or digital television."

The comments came as Debenhams reported a solid set of half-year results and said consumer confidence was gradually returning.

Stripping out the effects of the demerger, which distorted the pre-tax figures, underlying profits rose by 3 per cent to £79.4m in the six months to

Though like-for-like sales were down by 2 per cent on the year before and are down by a similar figure in current trading, the company said its Associate City Editor

margin figures were more en-

couraging.
Part of Debenhams' success is that it has avoided the worst discounting on the high street. It has improved its gross margin by 6.2 percentage points and has reaped the benefits of a gradual concentration of its supply base from 3.000 suppliers four years ago to 650 now.

The company has also successfully integrated popular own-brands, such as Maine New England and Trader, with exclusive ranges from designer houses such as Ozwald Boeteng.

Debenhams admits it must have benefited from the woes at Marks & Spencer and says it has increased its market share in both menswear and womenswear.

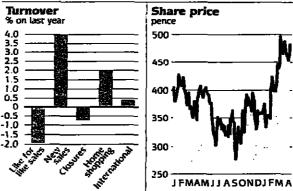
Going forward, Debenhams is planning to open 15 new stores over the next four years, to take its chain to more than 100 outlets. The current weakness with

Debenhams is that it is finding it difficult to drive sales forward significantly. But the keen cost control and margin improvement should keep

earnings momentum going.
The home shopping joint-

DEBENHAMS: AT A GLANCE

Market value: £1.7bn, share price 465.5p (-3p) Five-vear record 1996 1997 1998 97/98 98/99 Turnover (£m) Pre-tax profits (Em) Earnings per share (p)



looks promising. Two more catalogues should be produced later this year, with the first 600-page Debenhams Direct catalogue due next

One potential cloud on Debenhams' horizon is the M&S factor. With the wounded giant of Baker Street getting tougher on prices, this is likely to have a knock-on effect on rivals such as Debenhams and venture with Freemans also Storehouse, the Bhs group.

Investors have seen a strong rally in the stock over the last six months from a low of 272p last autumn. Yesterday Debenhams shares closed 3p

lower at 465.5p. forecast of £140m this puts them on a forward multiple of almost 19, a discount to rivals such as Next and M&S.

On SG Securities' full-year This is a solid, well-man-

look up with events for now. St Ives upgraded on strong results

ST IVES, the specialist printer now reclassified as a media stock, comfortably beat market forecasts for the six months to 29 January, earning a re-rating from the City and a 10 per cent jump in the share price yester-

Turnover increased by 24 per cent to £223m, while profits rose by 13 per cent to £27.3m. Much of the increase in sales and perhaps half the extra profit came from Hunters Armley. the direct-response printer acquired for £33m last June.

A drop in margins was also chiefly due to the inclusion of Hunters Armley, which further and new plant is being brought increased sales of paper included virtually at cost in leaflet printing contracts, chairman Miles Emley said yesterday.

By CLIFFORD GERMAN

expectations, with sales rising by around 5 per cent on a likefor-like basis. All divisions contributed, including direct response advertising, magazine and book printing, financial reports, and printing for the music and multimedia industries.

The group continues to benefit from its strong market share, continuing investment in new equipment and the flexibility permitted by its wide range of operations.

The chances of a soft landing for the economy are improving on stream in the US to ease capacity constraints, but the outlook in Germany remains clouded by fierce competition



Miles Emley: Still on the lookout for acquisitions

The company is still looking out for acquisitions, especially in North America, but the task of rationalising Hunters Armley still has some way to go, Mr

The switch from the defunct paper and publishing sector to of the shares and a rise in the number of analysts following the company, but the shares continue to suffer from the concentration of institutional investors on FTSE 100 companies, group managing director Brian Richards said. Analysts began upgrading

forecasts yesterday, with Alastair Irvine of Merrill Lynch raising his expectations for the current year to the end of July from £53m to £56m and earnings of 37p, rising to £60m and 39p in The shares have rallied

yesterday, which is a fairer

duced strong interim results yesterday, reflecting both the buoyant housing market and the group's market-leading position in the retirement sector. First-half pre-tax profits jumped by 33 per cent to £12.1m. ahead of market expectations. Analysts increased forecasts for the full year to £32m, compared with £28.5m.

BRITAIN'S most profitable

housebuilder retirement soe-

cialist McCarthy & Stone, pro-

"It's a good mainstream market out there, which has obviously had a positive impact on the retirement sector," said

Merrill Lynch construction and building analyst, Mark Hake. There is a bullish expansion

programme, with John Mc-Carthy, the chairman, hoping to push housing completions to 2,000 a year. About £20m of investment is planned in the North-east and West of England McCarthy & Stone already has 63 per cent of the retirement housebuilding sector.

With pre-tax profit margins at 25 per cent compared to an average of 10 per cent for the housebuilding sector as a whole, McCarthy & Stone is in an enviable position. But industry experts added a note of caution, claiming that the group, which aged business but the shares has a policy of not providing any affordable housing on develop-ments, is on line for conflict with new government regulations.

Recent planning policy guidance, due to become law next year, emphasises that a proportion of affordable housing is required in all new developmedia should lead to a re-rating ments of over 25 units in an effort to promote more mixed communities. The average size of

McCarthy & Stone's developments is 50 units. However, finance director Matthew Thorne emphasised: "We don't provide affordable housing at the moment and we won't in the future.

Nonetheless, enthusiasm for the stock remained undiminished by the potential conflict, with analysts saving it would not affect inrecasts. In a declining market, the

shares closed down 3.5p at steadily for six months; they 203.5p. On upgraded full-year jumped another 50p to 530.5p forecasts of £32m the shares trade on a forward multiple of 10 – good value, say analysts

Back to the shop floor

STEVE BROOMREAD, chief executive of Warrington Borough Council, is swapping places with a fireman, and the chair of Dorset County Council, Pat Hymers, is changing places with a tea ladv.

The musical chairs are in aid of national Learning at Work Day on 20 May, an event organised by the Campaign for Learning and sponsored by hundreds of companies, including Marks & Spencer, British Aerospace and Nation-

al Grid. The Learning at Work campaign stresses the importance of senior management commitment, and a number of chief executives have been challenged to practise what they preach with "back to the floor" job swaps.

Thus the chairman of Microsoft UK, David Svendsen, is set to swap places with Michael Bichard, the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education and Employment.

Source: Bloombe

PEOPLE AND **BUSINESS**

By John WILLCOCK

Sadly, the usual Microsoft share

options are not part of the deal.

New signing

Sir David White, chairman of Mansfield Brewery, has joined Nottingham Forest as a non-executive director as the process continues of returning the club to "local" control. This follows the departure of LESS THAN a year after buying

London-based property developer Nigel Wray as chairman a week ago in favour of a local man, Eric Barnes, deputy chairman of Great Universal Stores, a big employer in Not-

Sir David is certainly a local worthy, having been head of the Nottingham Health Authority for 12 years and chairman of the board of governors of Notting-

ham Trent University. He has been a lifelong supporter of the club and a long-term share-

holder. Mr Barnes expects to ap-

point at least one more nonexec. And the manager is still "Big" Ron Atkinson.

Top marque

Lamborghini, the Italian sports car manufacturer, from cashstrapped Asians including the former Indonesian President Suharto's youngest son Tommy, Audi has dropped any idea of keeping the firm "independent".

Instead the suits from Ingoldstadt, Germany, have put two of their men in charge. Hajden Leshel has taken over

Rodolfo Rocchio is overseeing engineering and design. Every decision has to be referred back to Germany, and Lamborghini's chief executive,

Vittorio Di Capua, is believed to be on the way out. The Italians are now under orders to increase production to 2,000 cars a year. A tall order,

given that total production in 1997 was just 200, with a total over the previous 35 years of 8,000. Audi's crackdown may well

have been inspired by BMW's experience with Rover, although the two cases are quite different. So far, Audi is down only the DM100m (£35m) on what it is estimated to have spent on buying the company, which is already in the black.

Even so, Audi's chief beancounter, Ditmar Schimanski, has been publicly complaining about the fact that Audi somefull rights to the name.

As he has painfully discovered, this means Tonino Lamborghini, son of the firm's dent.co.uk

marketing and technician founder, is free to cash in by licensing the name to makers of everything from olive oil and pasta to golf clubs and sun-

glasses. Meanwhile in Indonesia. Tommy Suharto is still the owner of the Lamborghini Cafe in Jakarta.

Michelin men

WHATEVER HAPPENS in the current merger rumpus with its major banks, France's tyremaking industry is still a reas-suringly family affair. Michelin announced yesterday that Edouard Michelin, 35, will succeed his father, Francois Michelin, as head of the

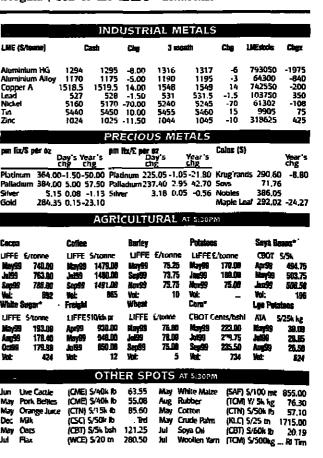
company. François Michelin, 72, joined the council of the family-run company in 1955 and still has another three years to go. And the company's literally pneuhow managed to wind up matic mascot, "Bibendum", owning only the Automobili also serves on, although in a Lamborghini marque, but not slightly slimmer form than in also serves on, although in a previous years.

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# Suffering exporters shun 'tired' prize

THE NUMBER of companies By JOHN WILLCOCK applying for the Queen's Award for Export Achievement has awards' 33-year history, prompting a renewed outcry about the strength of sterling.

In 1997, 1,300 British companies applied to win a Queen's Award for exports. Last year the number fell to 864 and this year to just 520.

other two categories - technolplunged to its lowest level in the ogy and the environment - also hit their lowest levels ever. The review committee is chaired by the Prince of Wales. Its mandate is to implement reforms in time for next year's awards.

Some interpreted this year's figures as graphic evidence of The Prime Minister set up a pound and last year's collapse in fundamental review of the Asian markets. Others blamed awards before Christmas, after the "tiredness" of the awards' it emerged that entries for the concept, and form-filling.

The Confederation of British Industry said: "It is hardly surprising that the numbers are down, as exporters have had a tough time. It shows the combined effects of the difficulties in South-east Asia and Eastern Europe as well as the strength of sterling throughout last year."

The CBI spokesman added: "You also have to take into the damage from the strong account the weakness of Western European economies at the end of last year, which are still our major export markets." A spokesman for the Engi-

said: "It's not surprising at all, given how export-dependent we are. It is also a reflection of what we've said over the last couple of years; that the strength of the pound is damaging us, particularly in European markets. This will continue this year and next."

unit at the Institute of Directors. pointed out that the number of applicants for technology and environment awards had also fallen. The number applying for technology awards fell from 278

cants for the environment award fell from 146 to 82 over the same

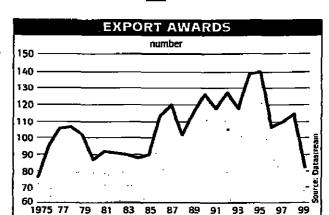
Referring to the DTI review of the scheme, Ms Lea said: "The DTI has been aware for some time that the awards are looking tired. After all, the tech-Ruth Lea, head of the policy nology award has been around since the mid-Sixties."

She said that the system of applying for the awards might be "a bit bureaucratic". She said the IoD had suggested to the review committee that the name should

neering Employers' Federation in 1997 to 163 this year. Applibe changed to "Queen's Awards for Enterprise".

> Sources close to the review committee say the name of the scheme is being reconsidered, although the Queen's name will be retained. Among changes being considered are a broadening of the export award to include international trade in general. The technology awards may be expanded to include innovation in general. The environment award may also cover environmental manage-

ment as well as products.





The malt whisky market is still buoyant. It's a premium product and people are still prepared to pay for it,' says Macallan

### Macallan keeps whisky exports flowing

THE MACALLAN Distillers, maker of malt whisky since banks of the River Spey in 1824, has won a Queen's Award for Export after increasing the about 200,000 cases of malt still buoyant. Also the strong percentage of its production sold overseas from 54 per cent to 61 per cent over the last corporate affairs at Highland rather in Europe and North three years, writes John

Banffshire, Scotland, and sells

Simon Sanders, director of

markets for malt whisky are not

pay for it," he said.

The company is based on the had prospered despite the cur- and people are still prepared to whisky's maturation. "We arrange for the casks to be built

## Complete list of this year's award-winners

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#### Into battle against bacteria

with bacteria could be a thing of the past, thanks to the development of a system that has won its inventors a Queen's Award for Technological Achievement,

writes Roger Trapp.
Hertfordshire-based The Technology Partnership received the award for Chem-Scan, which is claimed to be the world's first rapid bacterial deection system that can provide results in minutes rather than

Jas Sanghera headed the development at TTP, which has become a leading European centre for innovation since its establishment 11 years ago. He said: "This is the only system that can satisfy the ever-increasing demands of the food, drink and water industries to put an end to the public health scares caused by e.coli and cryptosporidium.'

Support for the pharmaceuticals industry was also behind a Queen's Award for Export Achievement presented to Akos Healthcare Group. The award was in recognition of its long-term success in the international healthcare industry.

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"The malt whisky market is in Asia and Latin America, but

Macallan has won its second

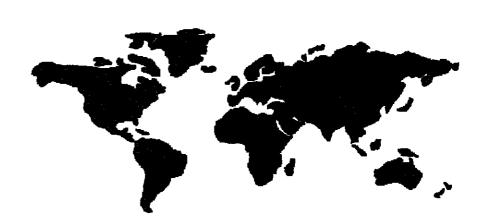
fourth in total. Mr Sanders says the company is dedicated to that owns Macallan, said sales Japan. It's a premium product, use of sherry casks for the said.

and put into the Spanish sherry successive export award and its industry. Then when they've been used the effects of the sherry on the wood impart a maintaining the Macallan smooth and rather sweet taste Distillers, the Perth company America, with the exception of virtues, such as the exclusive to the whisky," Mr Sanders

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#### Service industries make their mark

HEALTH SCARES associated THE INCREASING importance By ROGER TRAPP of service industries to the British economy is clearly demonstrated by this year's Queen's Awards for Export, Technological and Environmental Achievement.

Service companies accounted for 33 per cent of the export award winners, compared with about 15 to 20 per cent in recent years.

The three lists have their share of more traditional manufacturers, such as Belleek Pottery which has been making fine china giftware in Northern Ireland for nearly a century and a half, and HDA Forgings. the Worcestershire-based manufacturer of hand and dieforged components for the aerospace, defence, transport and general industrial sectors. as well as pharmaceutical companies, such as Glaxo and

But taking their place alongside them are such organisations as the City of London-based international law firm Allen & Overy and Bupa, one of the world's leading providers of private medical

There are also many consultancies, including Cambrian Consultants, which works with oil companies to maximise their hydrocarbon potential in order to improve operational efficiency and control costs, and Huthwaite International, a sales and management training organisation that has clients in 26 countries.

A notable success is London City Airport, located in the capital's Docklands, which has overcome the constraints of a short runway, short operating hours and movement limitations as well as difficult access on the ground to nearly double export earnings over three

With 13 airlines serving 23 European cities, it handles 1.4 million passengers a year, of which 60 per cent are not from

Zeneca, which is merging with the Swedish group Astra, appears twice in the lists. Its agrochemicals division, based in Haslemere, Surrey, receives a technological achievement award for the invention and de-

both protects plants from fungus and cures them if they are already affected by the con-

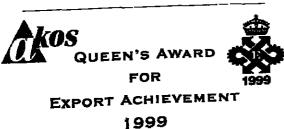
Meanwhile, Zeneca's metal extraction products arm, based in Manchester, wins an environmental award for the development of a process used in the manufacture of a chemical product associated with the extraction of copper from waste ore that reduces effluent by 85 per cent.

Britain's nautical tradition is upheld by Brunton's Propellers of Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. which wins a technological achievement award for the development of the Autoprop, an automatic variable pitch propeller which adapts to the conditions in which a boat is operating.

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# Zidane plays into United's hands

HIS VISIT lasted only 10 minutes, but a lifetime in Italian polities has certainly taught Gianni Agnelli how to use the slightest opportunity to make an impact. With a couple of throwaway remarks this week, the honorary president of Juventus seems to have done Alex Ferguson's job for him, at least in terms of psychological warfare.

As Juventus prepared to meet Manchester United in tonight's second leg of their European Cup semi-final, the 78-year-old Agnelli - the former boss of Fiat, and Italy's most influential figure for most of the post-war era - made one of his quasi-papal visits to the Stadio Communale, the club's training centre. He talked to the coach, Carlo Ancelotti, and to the players. And, as is his way, he also gave a brief audience to the press, during which he was invited to comment on the stories circulating about the possible imminent departure of Zinedine Zidane, whose performance at Old Trafford a fortnight ago had been one of the finest of his career, but who is said to be homesick

"He's not homesick," Agnelli said. "He's under his wife's thumb. And there's nothing I can do about it." He may not be quite up to

speed on the current state of sexual politics, but Agnelli's views on the relationship between men and women undoubtedly draw on direct experience of complexity and conflict. This is a man who, almost 50 years ago, injured himself quite badly when he crashed his Ferrari after his mistress, Pamela Churchill (later Pamela Harriman, the US ambassador to Paris), had found him in bed with another woman, also not his wife. A fluent Frenchspeaker. he will certainly be conversant with the doctrine of "cherchez la femme", in all its

that he had asked Zidane who ing to the league leaders, his was the boss in his house. "He presence had been thought sons, it's my wife. I told him that I hoped that he would stay with us. The problem isn't Zidane. It's

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Yesterday afternoon Zidane spoke to a reporter from L'Equipe, the French sports daily, and told him that he was unset by Agnelli's words, and by the way the whole business of a move had blown up. Last weekend, he said, he had given an interview to Italian journalists in which he reasserted his sincere intention to stay in Turin until the end of next season, which marks the end of his present contract. He had woken up the following morning to find one newspaper. Turin's Tuttosport, flatly contradicting his statement with a claim that he would be leaving this summer, in a matter of weeks - probably for one of the big Spanish clubs. since his wife is of Andalusian topical irritation, particularly origin, and is said to be keen to since he was on the losing side move to a city closer to the sea. in the last two finals of the

Gianni Agnelli may be the most powerful man in Italy, and Turin may have been vir- tain, the underrated Antonio tually his personal fiefdom for Conte, presented a serene and half a century, but not even he can move the Mediterranean nearer to the city in the foothills of the Alps. What he can do is unbutton his lip, and he went further during his visit by remarking on how nice it would be to have Ronaldo in the colours of Juventus next season, their professional duties would this club."



RICHARD WILLIAMS IN TURIN

playing alongside Alessandro

At his time of life, and from his position of eminence, Agnelli can say just about anything he likes. He has nothing to lose, and no one to fear. He loves football and footballers, particularly those who wear the black and white shirt, but a man who has had John Charles, Omar Sivori, Pietro Anastasi, Michel Platini, Paolo Rossi and Roberto Baggio on his payroll is unlikely to bend the knee even to a man who scored two goals in the last World Cup final and is Fifa's current player of the year. He may have felt that his remarks would have a stimulating effect on Zidane, or he may just have been saying what he thinks.

It is impossible to predict what effect, if any, his words will have on the great Frenchman's performance. Until Juventus rested Zidane last Saturday for their visit to Lazio, and then

"He's not homesick," Agnelli said. "He's under his wife's thumb and there's nothing I can do about it"

Agnelli told the reporters went and handed out a thrashtheir tactical scheme as it is to that of his national team.

At Old Trafford, in the first leg of the semi-final, he took the field with his right knee heavily strapped, having tweaked a ligament three weeks earlier. Yet, although completely lacking in match practice, he went on to give a masterful display as notable for the unrelenting intensity of his physical commitment as for the artistry of his silken touch and the originality of his imagination. Goodness knows whether Agnelli's words will provoke or deaden his instinct to give a repeat performance tonight before a full house of 64,500 at the Stadio Delle Alpi. Most probably, Zidane's urgent desire to add a European Cup winner's medal to the gong he picked up in Paris last July will prevail over any

competition. Ancelotti and his club capshared a press conference vesterday afternoon. Without displaying a hint of arrogance, they nevertheless conveyed the impression that the harder part of the job had been done, and that a proper observance of

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COLIN HOLCROFT,

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Had the final been played

club's fourth consecutive European Cup final.

"This is going to be a very difficult match against extremely opponents, formidable Ancelotti said, more than once. and the thought was readily seconded by his captain, who spoke of the need for his team mates to maintain absolute concentration throughout the 90 minutes. Conte's goal at Old Trafford, the coach felt, had given them a slight advantage, but there would be no underestimating the size of the challenge presented by Alex Ferguson's men.

He paid tribute to the personal and professional qualities of the United manager, and acknowledged the depth of experience acquired by Ferguson after a dozen years at the helm of the club. It is only two months, by contrast, since Ancelotti became the 33rd man to take the coach's job at Juventus, the heir to the first man to hold the job, George Aitken of Scotland, and the successor to Marcello Lippi, whose four seasons in charge featured three league titles and one European Cup before he mysteriously ran out of steam in mid-February.

Reflecting on tonight's match, Ancelotti expected the same sort of tactics from both sides that we saw at Old Trafford. "Away from home," he said, "Manchester United play with the same attitude that they show in their own stadium. The mentality doesn't change.'

He dismissed the idea of profiting from the possible absence of Ryan Giggs. "We have prepared ourselves to play a team, not an individual," he said. "It won't really affect the

way we approach the game." Similarly, he refused to be drawn on the potential inclusion of Teddy Sheringham, whose surprise appearance as a substitute at Old Trafford gave United the focus that enabled them to construct Giggs's late

had already warned about the possible dangers. "Giggs is a very strong competitor," the veteran French midfielder said. "and it would be better for us if he didn't appear. He's a player who always does well against us, even if only for a few minutes in the game. And there's Sheringham, who is a phenomenon in the air, and very hard to handie. But the first leg proved that when we play the way we want, pressing them high up the field, we can give them problems. But we let them back in. So we have to play for 90 minutes the way we played for the first hour in Manchester."

Agnelli said something similar. If Juventus could play for the whole 90 minutes of tonight's game with the sort of intensity and invention that they showed in the first half in Manchester, he observed, their success would be assured. "I can't guarantee that we can keep up that sort of rhythm through a whole match," Ancelotti responded. "We hope

But at least the honorary president's interventions did not seem to have impaired his sense of humour. To a player, Ancelotti remarked, winning the European Cup represented the highest possible ambition. "But for a coach, it's not quite as hard as keeping your job at



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# Bayern focus on European prize

a decade of frustration when they face Dynamo Kiev tonight for a place in the European Cup final. "This is the most important game for us in 10 years, even more important than the final itself, if we get there," said the Bayern general manager. Uli Hoeness, whose men are firmly in the driving seat after

snatching a 3-3 draw in the first The Bavarians have collected plenty of domestic titles over the past few years and won the Uefa Cup in 1996, but success in Europe's showcase competition has eluded them since the last of three successive triumphs in 1976.

BAYERN MUNICH seek to end BY PATRICK VIGNAL in Munich

> "The European Cup is the most beautiful of all titles and the most difficult to win," said Lothar Matthäus. "We want it. It is crucial for the club's

image. Standing between Bayern and their first final since 1987 (a over Kryvbas Kryviy Rih. 2-1 defeat by Porto in Vienna) are Dynamo Kiev, who have the most exciting pair of strikers in

vantage but we must be care-Kiev have already demon- keeper Oliver Kahn, who dam-

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The Ukrainians, still kicking themselves for letting a 3-1 lead slip at home, are confident Rebrov can shake off the knee injury which has bothered him for a month even though the 25year-old Ukraine international

sat out Friday's I-0 league win Bayern, who beat Bundesli-

ga strugglers Eintracht Frankfurt 3-1 on Friday, have worries Europe this season in Andriy of their own. The French de-Shevchenko and Serhiy Rebrov. fender Bixente Lizarazu and "The 3-3 draw gives us an ad- the Brazilian striker Elber both have torn knee ligaments and ful," said the Bayern coach, are unlikely to return before the Ottmar Hitzfeld, aware that end of the season, but goal-

strated that they can score aged a toe in a league match last week, has resumed training and will play. Hitzfeld should also be able to call on midfielder Jens-Jeremies, who has had a sore thigh muscle but is back in training.

Bayern, seeking to become the first German club to win the European Cup and the domestic league and Cup in one season, are expected to field three strikers in Mario Basler, Alexander Zickler and Carsten

"It would be a big tactical mistake to look for a goalless draw. We have to be aggressive," said Hitzfeld, who steered Borussia Dortmund to the Eu-

and will know from the first leg. when they could have scored six, that Bayern's main weakness is their leaky defence. "We can score in Munich," said the Dynamo Kiev coach, Valery Lobanovsky. "The players know exactly what they have to do and that is to win the match.

They can do it." Honess, who knows all about winning European Cups as a member of the formidable Bayern side of the 1970s, disagrees. "If we score a goal there's no Way we can lose, "he said.
Bayum Munich (probable): Kehr; Machaus,
Babbel, Kuffour, Sounz, Jeremies, Effenberg,
Irmat, Baster, Jancier, Zickler.
Dynamo Klew (probable): Shovkovsky:
Luzhny, Golovko, Vashchyuk, Kaladze, Gustn,
(hatskedch, Belkedch, Kosonsky, Sneychenko,

regard violent play as being as serious as verbal abuse or

#### Wrong again

Sir: I have read several articles (including the one in your newspaper) bemoaning the fact that Wigan Athletic beat Millwall in the final of the

Auto Windscreens Shield. time London-based writers I'm struck with a real have underestimated the sense of *déjà vu*. I went to unfashionable team who Wembley in 1985 when Wigan are lucky to be allowed to visit beat Brentford under similar circumstances in the inaugural year of the at Villa Park, how many Freight Rover Trophy. The national press (based in London, significantly) been there? Nearer 10,000 prejudged the game in the than 45,000, I'll wager. same manner.

Brentford were bound to win, according to every report, but it didn't go according to plan - they were

soundly beaten. This time Millwall couldn't fail, could they? After all, they'll have 45,000 fans and Wigan will shrivel and die. Apparently not. For a second

#### Coors' view

Sir: I was surprised to read the letter from Carl Crook (Rix silence, 9 April) and I would like to take issue with

a couple of points raised. First. Coors are not a major sponsor of Chelsea FC - our sponsorship ended in 1997.

One report said: "The Auto Second, any relationship which we have or have had with the club in no way reflects the company's position on anything other than our support for the game of football. KEN HEHIR. Commercial Director. Coors Brewing International,

#### High price

Sir. Under the Bosman ruling, football clubs have no right to buy and sell players as commodities at the expiry of their contracts. The primary effect of this has been for clubs to offer everhigher salaries, rather than ever-higher transfer fees, to secure the services of

unattached players. However, there is a secondary, and more important effect. When a player is transferred to a club under the Bosman ruling, because there is no transfer fee involved the club can afford to pay the player a substantially higher over-

inflated wage. If, while in contract, the player then seeks a move to another club. there will be a transfer fee. More importantly, as with any other employee, the player will be reluctant to

take a drop in wages. An example of this secondary effect occurred earlier this season when Patrick Kluivert requested a transfer from Milan. Manchester United and Arsenal were interested in buying Kluivert, but he demanded his Milan wage of £40,000 per week - a figure that was over-inflated by his previous free transfer. Dare I suggest Steve

second high-profile player to suffer the same problem, This summer, under the

Bosman ruling, McManaman will move to Real Madrid and his earnings are said to be £50,000 a week. It is questionable whether McManaman is worth a tenth of that. Football pundits have been saying he has great potential for 10 years, but it is easily to lose track of the fact

that he is now 27. It does seem ironic, then, that Kevin Keegan can pick McManaman for the England team when the player has not even be getting a place in his

club team. So will McManaman McManaman will become the succeed in the football

Probably not. But then who is going to buy him back on wages of £50,000 a week? GARY JACOB, St Catherine's College.

#### Out of line

cauldron of Madrid?

Sir: If referee Paul Durkin. had seen Graeme Le Saux assault Robbie Fowler during the infamous bottom waving incident, Le Saux would have received an automatic threematch ban for violent conduct. Instead, he received a one-match ban while Fowler's sentence was two matches. This decision seems

to imply that the FA does not

GERARD HUNT Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

#### **Uefa** right

Sir: Far be it for me to defend Dennis Wise, whose appalling disciplinary record speaks for itself, but Uefa have surely made the proper decision by dismissing the

"biting" charge against him It was quite clear from the television that the Real Mallorca defender was "raking" his fingers on Wise's neck and equally obvious that

the Chelsea captain bit nothing but fresh air. The incident was yet another example of a player being tried and found guilty by television and the lower forms of the press. TERENCE KERRIGAN. Blackheath,

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# Painful lessons of Imola heeded by Hill

A PHOTO shoot in the heart of London to launch a limitededition Jordan Honda Civic By DERICK ALLSOP road car and a Jordan Honda motorbike, both in the dis- the deaths of Ayrton Senna tinctive yellow livery of the and Roland Ratzenberger. Formula One car, could have been a million miles from a the memories inexorably closed in on Damon Hill the drivers or the sport's govyesterday.

The weekend after this, the former world champion will be at Imola for the San Marino Grand Prix, an event that will mark the fifth anniversary of MOTOR RACING

Hill, who was Senna's teammate at Williams, has since grand prix circuit, let alone the been a leading agitator for imspectre of the sport's darkest proved safety standards in Forweekend in recent times, but mula One and is adamant that complacency must never divert

> campaign to save lives. "The history will be on people's minds," Hill said. "It was a dark weekend and mercifully things have been good for us,

cuits have improved since then. There was some concern of over-reacting immediately after that race, but I think we are now getting the balance right between the thrills and excite-

ment and the safety.

"The important thing is we still have lively discussion between the Grand Prix Drivers' Association and the FIA, and that must be continued to erning body, the FIA, from the respect the memories of Ayrton and Roland, and any other driver who has lost his life in Formula One.

"Nothing must be brushed

and the safety of cars and cir- acceptable if people are hurt. I keep suggesting things and little by little, cars have become safer.

"If there were unacceptable dangers we wouldn't race, but there are still places that are riskier than we would like and we hope something will be done about that. I don't want to be specific, but usually they are the faster circuits.

"The risk should not be your life. That's not an acceptable approach now. The fear and bravery should be about performing better. Failure should be no more than embarrassment, spinning into the gravel trap under the carpet. It is not and not ending up in hospital."

Hill will be concerned also about registering his first finish and first points of the season at Imola. He has been forced out of the opening two races in skirmishes with other cars, while his

Jordan-Mugen-Honda team-

mate, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, has finished second and third. "I've been out for a duck so far, so I'm aiming for points next week," the 38-year-old Englishman said. "But the car is good and quick, so the opportunity is there and I'm sure it will get bet-

ter through the season. "Heinz-Harald has surprised me. He seems to have dropped on the ground running. I don't understand why that form was not apparent when he was with Williams But Jordan is quite a different environment.

"The fact he's started so well is not a burden for me. It just sets the target for me. There's always rivalry between drivers but we're not fighting for the championship. There's no grudge. We are fighting for the team. I'm optimistic things will

go well and we'll be at the front." McLaren-Mercedes and Ferrari emerged as one and two in Brazil earlier this month but Hill does not accept third place must be the limit of Jordan's aspirations this season.

why we shouldn't push for better than third. I think McLaren will take some beating but we could move our-

selves into a position to be second. I would be disappointed if I didn't win this year. You should always aim as high as you can. "I'm not thinking beyond

this season, about retirement or anything like that. I've a full race. trained very hard for this year. Perhaps because I'm 38 and the ramp is working against me. I've trained harder to resist the natural gravity. I should be in good form and



Hill: Safety campaigner

look forward to the chance of

"My contract runs out this season so I'm aware there is a performance aspect as to what I do in the future. You can never sit back and wait for it to come to you.'

# **South Africa** choose Ford as new coach

GRAHAM FORD, the former local provincial second XI cricketer, was named as successor By BRIAN MCKENNA to the high-profile Bob Woolmer as the South African national coach yesterday.

The 38-year-old has agreed a three-year contract, ending weeks of speculation following Woolmer's decision to stand down after the World Cup in England ends in June.

He is vouthful, enthusiastic and committed," Ali Bacher, the United Cricket Board of South Africa's managing director, said yesterday. "He is a good organiser, has good people skills and has a professional approach."

Ford captained Natal B for several seasons in the 1980s but never played in top flight South coach, however, has been outrare South African league and cup double in 1995-96 and has twice coached the South African A side on tour. He also proved popular with the players when he was assistant to Woolmer for the recent tour of New Zealand. Woolmer, a former England Test opener, has been linked with the job as England coach. in succession to David Lloyd who has also said he will step down after the World Cup.

ing in Bob's shoes and contin- set in stone. He listens to every uing the good work he has problem with an open mind." done, although it is a huge challenge," Ford said.

Africa's vice-captain and fast bowler, has played most of his first-class career at Natal under Ford's guidance and the captaincy for some years of the West Indian, Malcolm Marhall, "Fordy and Malcolm took a young, inexperienced team and turned us into something special," Pollock said. "He did a brilliant job and I'm pretty certain he'll do an excellent job in charge of the national team."

The Western Province coach, Duncan Fletcher, who has a three-year contract with Glamorgan, was believed to be the UCB's first choice, but his Coun-African cricket. His record as a ty Championship commitments ruled him out. The former South standing. He guided Natal to a African players, Hylton Ackerman and Peter Kirsten, both coaching at provincial level, were also considered for a post which Ford had initially said he did not want as he feared it would take him away from his family too frequently. "We are only out of the coun-

try for five months in the next two years and the schedule isn't as bad as I thought," said Ford. Pollock said: "Because he never played Test cricket he "I'm honoured to be follow- doesn't have any ideas that are

Talk Radio wins rights to England's winter tour

Lancashire's Ian Austin keeps in a relaxed mood at Lord's yesterday as his side's Championship match against Middlesex failed to escape the rain Croig Prentis/Allsport

# Austin revels in big finish

#### Bell ready to sign for Warwickshire

the England Under-19 bats- but Somerset objected. man Ian Bell a two-year full-

time contract. The 17-year-old emerged as the star of the England Under-19 tour of New Zealand during the winter and Warwickshire have moved swiftly to head off interest from other counties. Bell intends to continue his Alevel studies at Princethorpe College, near Leamington, but cricket will take priority. Bell has played for Warwickshire teams since he was nine years old and, although he was not even registered when he went to New Zealand, he is certain to commit himself to his native county.

Meanwhile, the second day of Warwickshire's County Championship match against Somerset at Edghaston was washed out yesterday. Warwickshire had been given permission by the England and Wales Cricket Board to use the

WARWICKSHIRE HAVE offered giant Brumbella pitch cover

New regulations prevent the use of flat covers but Warwickshire were given special dispensation by John Carr, the England and Wales Cricket Board's cricket operations manager, to use it following concerns that further rain might prevent any more play in

But Somerset were worried the pitch might sweat under the plastic sheeting so Warwickshire had to use conventional covering which left more than half the square exposed to the elements. Twenty-eight inches of rain fell on Edgbaston dur-ing the winter, twice the average, and with more rain forecast prospects for a prompt

start today looked bleak The other four County Championship games - at Derby, Leicester, Lord's and Worcester - were washed out yesterday Among those admirers was

proved a notable success for ultimately vain attempt to catch memorable for more than that. John Crawley's 180 in the first innings equalled the fourth-highest score by a Lancashire player in Roses matches; and when the 12th man, Richard Green, walked out to bat in the second

had batted for Lancashire in a Championship fixture. The cause of this apparent conundrum was the surprise call-up of Ian Austin to the England side to play Sri Lanka in a one-day international at Lord's. After contributing 49 to the first-innings total, Austin packed his bags, headed south

and, one way or another, he has

innings it became the first oc-

casion that 12 different players

been surprising people outside of his native county ever since. Now 33, even Austin's most ardent admirers, and probably the player himself, had long since given up on his chances

THE ROSES match of last August Old Trafford's cult figure is just the sort of bowler England will need for Lancashire in their valiant but the World Cup – a cool-headed limited-overs specialist. By Adam Szreter

Leicestershire at the top of the Wasim Akram, his former Championship table. But it was county captain who has by Derbyshire's batsmen. described Austin as "the best death bowler I have ever seen", referring to Austin's priceless ability to bowl tightly at the end of one-day matches.

Back at Lord's this week on county duty, following his stint in Sharjah with England and looking ahead to his involve ment in this summer's World Cup. Austin reflected on the Pakistan captain's generous appraisal. "It's a great compliment and just a pity he wasn't an England selector a few years ago," he said. "My call-up came a bit late in the day and I know he pushed my case a

couple of times before that." That case is based on consistency and a temperament for the big occasion. After winning the Gold Award in the 1996 Benson and Hedges Cup final, Austin was last season's man of the match in the NatWest final. of representing his country, taking 3 for 14 from 10 overs after Wasim himself had been clat-

metres semi-finals at the 1992

steroids once again, thus

incurring an automatic life ban.

Johnson's case will have to pro-

ceed without a hitch if his

Olympic ambition of running at

tered to all parts of the ground

That achievement, allied to the following explanation, was enough to earn Austin the unlikely accolade of being named as one of Wisden's five cricketers of the year for 1998. "Nowadays, it is a rarity for

ting and the relative dearth of seam talent pushed him in the someone to come along and es- other direction. 'I try not to get flustered. If you're bowling at the end of a game you've got to think like a

tablish a special rapport, even with his home crowd," Matthew

Engel, the book's editor, wrote. "Ian Austin is an exception.

marrow. When he succeeds there is a special cheer in the Old Trafford pavilion because they regard him as one of their own. There ought to be dozens like him, but there aren't." Austin was born in and played

for Haslingden in the Lancashire

league, following in his father's

footsteps. A keen footballer and

a Burnley supporter, he joined

Lancashire in 1986, primarily

as a batsman who could bowl, but

the quality of Lancashire's bat-

batsman - a lot of it is mind games' His value in limited-overs

cricket was soon apparent, but it took him longer to become the key member of Lancashire's Championship side he is now. "He is Lancashire to the

"I'd like to think I've been reasonably consistent, looked upon as a reliable bloke that the captain can throw the ball to and know what he's going to get. It's handy to have people cricketers who might win you a game but might not contribute to a game.

"I try not to get flustered. If you're bowling at the end of a tight game you have a game plan but also give yourself a couple of back-up ideas. You've got to think as a batsman and try to work out what they might be thinking.

"If you do your homework quiet and calm about it and carry on as though you've got Looks can be quite deceiving if a bowler appears completely in control after he's just been slapped in the stand it makes the batsman think. A lot of it is mind games."

His career as an England player has so far failed to reach the same heights as some of his performances for Lancashire. He let no one down after his belated call-up to the triangulike that in your side, as lar tournament last summer

but struggled on unsuitable pitches recently in Sharjah. If he does make the team for

the World Cup, though, the fielding of a player once de-scribed as looking like "a stoker on a merchant steamer" will be scrutinised almost as much as his batting and bowling.

"It's no secret I won't be the most athletic bloke on the field," he said, "but I've got a good pair of hands and without digging myself too big a hole, I don't drop too many catches. I've got a good arm as well."

And with little more than then hopefully you can keep three weeks to go before the tournament starts, surely someone as level-headed as Austin everything under control. has not been dreaming of bowling the last over in the World Cup final with, say, nine runs between England and victory?

"Not recently" he said. "I probably dreamt about it as a kid. But I'll worry about that if the situation arises and I'd back myself to do it. I'm confident enough, I know what I want to do and hopefully we'd canter through that, lift the World Cup and have a good

## Johnson targets return in Sydney Tait eyes grand slam

Canada or abroad just yet. It

treal. "I'm very happy but I don't

mean Johnson will be compet- ban in the wake of the 1988

ing on an organised level in Olympics and reached the 100

also does not vindicate the ath- Games in Barcelona. But a

lete over the drug test in Mon-year later he tested positive for

BEN JOHNSON'S hopes of competing at another Olympic Games rose yesterday when a Canadian judge ruled that he should be reinstated following his life ban for doping. Athletics Canada, the country's ruling body, will now support the 38year-old sprinter in an unprecedented appeal to the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Graham Mew, the Canadian adjudicator, ruled that Johnson infamously stripped of his 1988 Olympic title for steroid abuse - should be allowed to return because there had been procedural errors in the case which saw him banned from the

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sport for good in 1993. Mew said Athletics Canada had "inadvertently failed" to comply with IAAF rules in that it had misinformed Johnson in the sports daily L'Equipe.

DRUGS IN SPORT

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

over the type of hearing he was entitled to following the IAAF doping commission's decision to ban him. He added that the Canadian body had "not adequately informed" Johnson

over his procedural options.

ALL BUT one member of the

Festina team, including the

have time to jump around and celebrate," Johnson said. "I still can't compete and we still have some things to do."

Johnson returned to the next year's Olympics in Sydney The ruling however does not sport after serving a two-year is to be achieved.

Only one Festina rider was 'clean'

to boost their performance in last year's Tour de France, according to excerpts from a medels in the blood. ical report published yesterday tioned on Monday for more He then signed for Polti.

The report confirmed that all than an hour by a French judge the team's riders except investigating the Tour doping French cyclist Richard Christophe Moreau showed ev scandal, has consistently denied Virenque, took a doping agent idence of EPO (erythropoietin), he took performance enhancing in blood samples taken during drugs. The Festina team, who the Tour EPO boosts oxygen lev- admitted to widespread doping at the Tour and were expelled, Virenque, who was ques- dropped Virenque in November.

Giorgio Reineri, spokesman for the IAAF, said the case was unlikely to be considered by the IAAF Council until November. He said he could not anticipate the IAAF's view of a case which contained a number of "juridical problems". Even if Johnson's request were granted there would have to be a period of at least six months in which he could undergo tests before any return to competition.

Reineri said that Athletics Canada, which has done much in the last 10 years to clamp down on doping abuse, was legally bound by the adjudicator's judgment

Johnson's winning time of 9.79sec in Seoul 11 years ago has never been bettered, but if his campaign to return is successful he is unlikely to bother many of today's leading sprinters.

#### BLYTH TAIT would add an extra dimension to next month's Mitsubishi Badminton Horse Trials By GENEVIEVE MURPHY

if he were to win the Rolex Kenpyring this weekend. The New Zealander won Burghley last vear which, together with Kentucky and Badminton, offers a grand slam prize of nearly £160,000 to any rider who wins all three contests.

This will be the 50th anniversary for Badminton, which runs from 6 to 9 May. The Queen, who last attended the event in 1982, will be back to present the prizes on the final day. As always, there will be a highclass field, with seven of the top ten horses at last year's World Equestrian Games among the expected starters. Tait on Ready Teddy and the other bril- of his two mounts at Bad-

tucky Three-Day Event on As- Broadcast News, will renew

their rivalry having filled the top two places in the World Games. Tait won on that occasion but,

under the new scoring system which comes into effect this year, Todd would have been the victor. The scoring is intended to be simpler, but it is bound to cause some confusion until everyone gets to grips with the new rules. They will have the effect of making the show jumping less influential, which is a cause of concern for

Ian Stark will be first to attack the 29 cross-country fences when he rides Jaybee, the first liant Kiwi pair, Mark Todd on minton. The Scot will then have sizeable drop to be taken.

Tait and some other riders.

a long wait before he partners Arakai, who is second last of 91 horses in the draw. These are likely to reduce to between 75

and 80 by the time of the event. Hugh Thomas, director and course designer, has prepared a serious cross-country challenge. The daunting obstacles include The Challenger Bank (fence 15), where Ready Teddy fell last year, and a double of rolltop fences into water followed by another on a jetty at The Lake (18 and 19).

and a quarter mile course, riders will also be paying close attention to The Shogun Hollow (21), which has tree trunks on either side of steeply sloping banks down to a ditch, and The Quarry (24), where there are two more trunks and a

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lisoe Bay from 25-1 to 20-1. Mouse Morris yesterday gave Boss Doyle the go-ahead to run. He reported the gelding in "terrific form" after polling muscles when last seen out in the

son booked) were yesterday

eased from 7-1 to 8-1 by William Hill. The same firm trimmed the

Oliver Sherwood-trained Cal-

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Lucky Master (Epsom 3.10)

Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown in February. Boss Doyle (11st 2lb) is 10-1 for the Whitbread by Ladbrokes. Morris said: "He will run and Shay Barry rides. The ground is a factor - they say at worst it will be good at Sandown and that is what he wants. I would have preferred him to have under 11st. But 2lb won't stop him. His first two races this term were good and he ran a good race in the Hennessy at Newbury. Then we had a bug in the yard and last time at Leopardstown he pulled muscles in his back. He's been off since but seems in form. He has had a couple of racecourse schools and jumped super." ■ There are Jackpot and Placepot carryovers of £178,833 and

£10,253,78 to Epsom today.

# Busy days at a high court for punters

A steady flow of disputes between bookmakers and their customers keeps business brisk at the betting industry's fledgling arbitration service. By Greg Wood

- it is all part of the job for Chris O'Keeffe. He has a perch 19 floors off the ground in Canary Wharf's skyscraper, but O'Keeffe, who runs the Independent Betting Arbitration Service (IBAS), spends his time mining at what he calls "the coalface" of Britain's gambling industry. If you think that a bookie has done you wrong, it is IBAS that will try to sort them out. It is six months since IBAS

was launched, at a press conference which did not go swimmingly. The assembled journalists chewed up and then spat out O'Keeffe's boss, when they heard that the names of IBAS's panel members - who would adjudicate on betting disputes - were to be kept secret. The decision was reversed, but not in time to rescue the coverage in the next day's papers.

In the time since, though, O'Keeffe and his two staff have been quietly working to get the first worthwhile attempt to provide fair, impartial arbitration in betting disputes off the ground. The vast majority of the country's 9,000 betting shops and displaying its blue logo to to go as far as arbitration un-

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FUGATIVE, who is twice a

course and distance winner,

had a pipe-opener on the all-

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at her best. Stylish Ways

ANGER, BITTERNESS, frustra- advertise the fact. Forms from less they think they have a tion, perhaps a rogue or two try- disgruntled punters, applying very solid case. But regardless ing to spin a yarn, and even an for arbitration, arrive at the rate unflattering write-up in The Sun of about 20 each week, and by vesterday, the panel had given a final adjudication on 158 disputes. Of these, 130 were in favour of the bookmaker, and 28 found for the punter.

It has been a slog to get this far, but not everyone has been impressed. When early figures indicated 80 per cent of judgements were coming down in favour of the bookies, The Sun published a denunciation of the service. The fact IBAS is run by Mirror Group Newspapers may have had something to do with the article's tone.

It was a low blow, given that so many punters read *The Sun*. "We took a lot of calls afterwards," O'Keeffe says, "people saying that they understood now that we're just interested in bookmaker protection. I took it personally because it was an insult to my integrity and that of everyone who works here. We'd be quite happy for anyone to come along and take a look at what we're doing here. That was damaging and cheap."

In fact, it is surprising that even 20 per cent of IBAS's decisions are in favour of punters. are now registered with IBAS, since bookmakers are unlikely

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of the figures, the important point is that punters, who for so long had no worthwhile consumer protection at all, now have a visible, professionallyrun organisation to which they can turn if the need arises.

What went before was little better than anarchy. The Green Seal Service, run by The Sporting Life (now defunct), was an ad-hoc collection of Life journalists, sometimes simply the ones with nothing better to do for an hour. It was anonymous and capricious, and could sometimes pass judgement on a dispute without even contacting the bookie involved.

Now, IBAS makes sure both sides have their say, although as O'Keeffe admits, "it is a unique industry, and there are a lot of primitive practices on both

Bookmakers who apply to register with IBAS, for instance, must submit a copy of their rules. Some, he found, did not actually have any rules of their own. People say to me. T operate under William Hill's rules, but what they mean is that they'll operate under Hills' rules when it suits them, and someone else's when it doesn't."

Nautical Star to sail in over right distance

Arrow (Derby) should domi-

nate. Overnight rain could

make the going ideal for Dali-

apour, beaten around a length

at Newmarket last week, but Karl Burke. Halmanerror lengths in a rematch on soft show looks guaranteed this of the dangers. Dower House

will be at a relatively short was having his first outing ground at Ascot the following afternoon, and he can out- should go well, having run



results of IBAS's work so far is a growing database of bettingrelated disputes, which offers an intriguing insight into the nature of the British punter. The sheer complexity of some bets is baffling, meticulouslyconstructed card-castles of hope involving a dozen or more

The traditional mad rush to the betting window just before a race starts also leaves many people disappointed. O'Keeffe spends plenty of time explaining to people that bets placed

2.35: The Classic entries 3.10: As he is much more 3.45: FAHS can register a an DALIAPOUR (2,000 Guineas effective at 1m4f than 1m2f, it early success for new trainer

formance from NAUTICAL

STAR to be beaten just seven

lengths over the shorter dis-

tance when finishing seventh

by Boatman at Newbury in of 20 in the highly-competitive good value to take a compet-

September. He slammed Rosebery Handicap at itive contest in which Dower

Roger Charlton's colt by eight Kempton 16 days ago. A bold House and Zurs are just two

month on 5lb better terms. point both the recent New- the winner. Shiva. to 2%

through the machine are void. He is also amazed by the number of punters "who have £500 bets but with instructions that are completely ambiguous." but also annoyed that bookies are often too quick to resort to an excuse that a price or bet they have accepted is a "palpable error". which relieves

them of the need to pay out. Problems arise too with football coupons, bets on unnamed favourites, the 49s numbers game, indeed just about any-

Nigel Hamilton, Well treated

on his third to Shadoof over

this course and distance last

June, Fahs catches the eye at

the morning prices and looks

hopes to head off some disputes before they arise, by showing bookmakers where there are gaps in their rules, or particular problems with the processing of certain bets.
"We're not going to change things overnight, but we will

change things." he says. "Bookmakers have got to realise that these people are not just punters, they're consumers. This umbrella, 'palpable error', wouldn't be accepted by any

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compromise more." IBAS is not perfect. For one

thing, its decisions are not legally binding, although a bookie who refuses to abide by a verdict will be struck off their list. But if you think that you're on a winner, and your bookie tells you otherwise, there is now something you can do about the dispute which is far more practical than simply moaning to anyone who will listen down at

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ground she needs to be seen his best form and has won

made a promising comeback joining that astute trainer,

price in what is a rather since July when a promising

drawn Ron's Pet (who is Folkestone last month, but his

blinkered for the first time stable is still out of form.

**EPSOM** HYPERION 2.05 The Fugative 2.35 Daliapour

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GOING: Good (Good to Soft in places). STALLS: 6f - outside; 'm 4f - centre; remainder - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best 5f. Low from 6f to 10t.

■ Left-hand course, sharp and undustring. The straight 5f is the fastest in the country.

■ Course is 5 of town - 15m from the centre of London. Three natiway stations serve the course. Epsom frains from Victoria and Waterloo) and the neaser Epsom Downs (Victoria) and Tattenham Comer (Charning Cross and Victoria). ADMISSION: Members 106 fot 25-year-olds £12; Grandstand & Paddock Ctr. Consider Enclosure £5. Accompanied under-16s free all enclosures. CAR PARK: Free parking available.

■ FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

■ LEADING TRAINERS: R Hannon 13-117 (11.7%). J Dumlop 11-37 (29.7%). M Johnston 10-38 (25.5%). P Cola 10-58 (17.2%). H Cectl 5-22 (22.7%). D Eleverath 5-22 (22.7%).

■ LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Edidary 16-77 (20.8%). S Sanders 13-83 (15.7%). K Fallon 10-44 (22.7%). L Detion 8-54 (14.9%). Date C'Neill 8-51 (19.9%). T Quinn 8-116 (19.9%).

■ FAVOURITIES: 90 wins from 270 races (success rate 33.3%).

■ TONGUE STRAIPS: Jayammere (20.5). Hon's Pet (20.5). White Plains (3.10). Royal Amaretto (3.45). Mac's Dream (4.15).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ron's Pet (20.5).

2.05 J & E HALL HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added C4

— 16 declared —
Minimum veight: 7st 10th True handicap yespites: English Lady 8st 12th.
BETTINQ: 4-1 Stylish Weys, 7-1 Twice As Sharp, 8-1 Blundell Lane, 10-1 Halmanarror, White Entir,
12-1 Jayanupse, Jennette, The Fugative, 14-1 Cartion, Ivory Dawn, Clef Of Silver, 16-1 Ron's Pet,
Facilis Tigns, 20-1 Alpen Welt, 25-1 Meshus; 04-1 Ronglish Lady
1998 Marengo 4 7 10 J Quinn 11-2 tJ Alechursi) chawn (5) 11 ran

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Jennelle: Acts on any going, Redcar (5) stift winner in April off a 'Qib lower mark. Has yet to win at this trip and high draw against her

Clef Of Silver: Lightly raced last season, won apprentice event at Catterick (6) good) in October. Best form on fast ground and high drawn a disadvantage

Twice As Sharp: Univolcy in unning on reappearance at Doncaster (6) good to soft). Has not won for nearly 2 years, but on same mark as when successful at York (5), good) in 1997.

Mapple: Mauden winner at Newbury (6), good) in September. Disappointed at Newmarket (7), good) last week when last of '19 to Billy McCaw, but dop in trip should aut
Jayannpeer Tough handicapper, won once from 12 outings last season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft). Liftle show in both outings this season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft), Liftle show in both outings this season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft), Liftle show in both outings this season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft), Liftle show in both outings this season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft), Liftle show in both outings this season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft), Liftle show in both outings this season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft), Liftle show in both outings this season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft), Liftle show in both outings this season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft), Liftle show in both outings this season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft), Liftle show in both outings this season off a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), good to soft a 2th higher mark at Bath (5'n), go

should not be tar away White Emir: Well handicapped on his old form, but on a long losing run and has not won since June. 1997 when trained by Brian Meehan. Blinkered for his last two wins and high since utilities that it is a second of the s

The Higamire: CAU withing twice (good to soft & good), including off a 2th lower mark lest season. Acts on any going, but high draw against him.

Alpen Wolf: Improved last season after winning Brighton seller (8t, firm), but 8th higher than when successful there (8t, good to firm) in August. Weakened 1f out when 11th of 23 to Passion For Life on reappearance at Kempton (8t, good) this month Blundell Lanes Chester (8t, good) winner off a 5th higher mark in May, Badly drawn, but prominent until 1f out when 8th of 23 to 10 Passion For Life on reappearance at Kempton (8t, good) this month with Finitice As Sharp 9th, Alpen Wolf 11th, hory Dawn 12th and Carton 22nd hard Sharp Wolf Passion For Life (1) and 11th and Carton 22nd hard Sharp Wolf Passion Rev I be 11th and 11th Indian May Resident (2004) to 11th and Carton 22nd

tvory Dawn: Won twice over this trip at Lingfield (good to firm) and Brighton (good) last season. No impression final 2f when 12th of 23 to Passion For Life on reappearance at Kemp-

season. No impression final 24 when 12th of 23 to Passion For Life on reappearance at Kempton (61 good) this month. Ron's Pat. Better on AW nowadays than turf. Trained by Richard Hannon last season and won off this mark for new stable at Whampton (71) last month. Well drawn on this return to turf and binkered for the first time. Facility Tigne: Won twice at Brighton (6/ soft & 5½ firm) last season. Returned to turf after 2 outings on AW when 7th of 11 to Malibu Man from poor draw at Folkestone (5/, soft) last month Cartfons: Ran consistently in 14 outings last season winning at Newbury (7/, good to firm) and Windson (6/, good to firm). Acts on soft ground, but no show on reappearance behind Research Cil Life at Kempton (6/, cood)

Passon Of Life at Kemptan (St good)

Helmanener: Useful handicapper, won off a 7th lower mark at Seisbury (7t, good to soft) in June Promising reappearance on first outing since July when nk 2nd to Indian Blaze at Follestions (7t soft) last month, but stable out of form English Lady: Maiden handicapper, placed once from 13 outings. Returns to 6i efter appearing not to stay tim on AW at Lingfield in February. Unlikely to end her losing run here VERDICT: Binkers for the first time, plus a low draw should give RON'S PET a chance with apprentice Neil Callants 5b allowence a bonus. Successful twice on the all-weather since joining Karl Bunke, Ronis Pet is on a 15b lower mark than he started last Flat season on.

tricky handicap. The well- second to Indian Blaze at Trio, now with Nigel Hamil- market winner Minivet and lengths in the Earl Of Sefton ton, is held by Daliapour on Kieren Fallon's mount Red at the Craven meeting. last season's form. Ramona.

and Derby) and Lightning was a highly promising per-

2.35 BLUE RIBAND TRIAL STAKES (CLASS B) £14,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 18yds £8,537 6221- LICHTNING ARROW (USA) (173) (Wairs Sed) J Duniop 9 0....... K Pallon 2 107 5435- DIABLO DANCER (172) (Kentsbeare Quartet) B R Milman 8 12 . . . G Hind 3 106 24 HELVETKUS (18) (Shekh Michammed Obard Al Makkoum) C Britan 8 10 P Robinson 5 105

-5 declared -SETTING: 11-10 Lightning Arrow, 5-4 Defapour, 10-1 Diablo Dencer, 12-1 Trio, 20-1 Helvetius 1998. The Glow-Worm 3 8 12 M Hills 11-8 law (B Hills) drawn (1) 5 ran

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Deflapour: Made all to win maiden event at Chepstow (Im, good to firm) and Listed race at Ascot (Im, soft) last season. Bred to stay farther and entered in 2000 Guineas and Epsom

Lightining Arrow: Rumer-up in maidens at Kempton and York before winding condition sily at Newmarket (Im. good to soft) in October. Enlared in Derby and will be sured by this extra two furlangs

Diable Dancer: Consistent and genuine 2yo. Showed he stays the trip on final outing when 5th to Adriaan in listed event at Newmarket (101, soft) in October, Will have to improve to figure in this grade, however Helivatilus: 2nd in minor event on debut at Chester (7f, good) last season and not up to this Herversus: 2nd in minor event on debut at Chester (7, good) last season and not up to this class on his 4th of 5 to Glams on reappearance at Kempton (10f, good) this month Tirlo: Won nursery off a mark of 74 at Doncaster (fir., good) in September. Beaten 3 lengths by Deliapour (3rd) when 4th to Boatman at Newbury (fir., good) that month and only 3b better off. Trained by Geoff Lewis last season and first run for new yard

VERDICT: This should concern the colts with Classic entries - DALIAPOUR and Lightning Arrow. Dalapour, beaten around a length when second to Boatman at Newbury in September, was most impressive when turning the form around by eight lengths on soft ground at Ascot the tollowing month and conditions should suit him h

3.10 GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP (CLASS C) £14,000 added 1m 4f 10yds £10,031 

- 13 declared BETTING: 9-2 Minivet, Red Ramona, 7-1 Kinnescash, Montecristo, Zelai, 6-1 Maurical Star, 10-1
AFs Falls, 12-1 Benbury, Domeppel, 20-1 Random Kindness, 25-1 Prince Kinsky, Raylit, 33-1 White

1998: Assured Gamble 4 9 0 Pat Eddery 10-1 (C Brittain) drawn (5) 11 ran FORM GUIDE

Zalet: Disappointing lavourite for handicaps at Goodwood £35,000) and Yarmouth last summer 7th higher now after easily making all in four-runner classified stakes at York (tim4t good) Nautical Stan: 3th higher than when C&D winner (good to firm) in amateurs event in August, Promeing return over madequate trip at Kempton 16 days ago. Acts on any going. One to note ing result over reasonable up at nestigual to serio agus men ar unit grand a tenta de la Montacristo Returns after a progressive 1998 campaign in which he won 4 times, including over C&D (soft) in September, 3b higher than when that in \$46,000 event at Ascot (fired, soft) Red Ramona: Won Folkestone maiden (fired, good to firm). Best effort for Roger Charleton when fourth off this mark to Robin Lane at Ascot (timil, soft). Hampered in the November Handicap Benbury: Injury problems for Mark Johnston last term. Reliable at 1m81 on AW for new yard, winning claimer and handicap. It is higher for return to turi and needs to improve on that AW form Raylic Fair form in 3 turf madens. Won AW maiden at Lingfield (fm2f) in December and second in must real contents and management with level management (and) in December and Second if the finding at Wolverhampton (5th higher here). 3 months off and back at the laxest Minket: Comes a 5th penalty for his 3-tength with over Rainbow Ways in a 13-runner race at New-market (im4), good) lest Wednesday. Looks sure to figure prominently again Domappet: Consistent handicapper, off this mark when in frame last the starts last season, from trust to 2m on a sound surface. Has had 3 runs over hundes, creditable effort on letest

White Plains: Receil only on AW last season. Very well treated on that AW form, but his best is at 1m21 and he was well beaten in two competitive handcaps back on turl last two starts. Prince Kinsky: Inconsistent in his four starts in 1997 but was a 33-1 winner of this race (good to firm) first time out. 16 higher here. Without a race of any sort for 495 days Kimmuscasin: Pair hendicap form over 1m4f on Plat last sesson. Reasonably peated on that, and ha since progressed into a useful hundler, latest win at Aintree 11 days ago. Acts on any going ATE Felias Upped to Indiffrom 81 when improved 3".-length winner of 9-runner race at Redcar (good to soft) in November 8to higher here, but interesting as is unexposed over the sort of trip. Random Kindnese: Won a four-runner imited stakes at Brighton (fin4), firm) last May, but went of the boil on turf later on. Much better on AW, and was back in good form this wirter

VERDICT: The lightly-raced Red Remona has potential for significant improvement this season and is of obvious interest, as is progressive hurder (kinnesceath and the dessy Zafal, C&D winner Nautical Stair shaped well over an inadequate trip on his insuperamence, but for itsil-lime-out promise it is impossible to beat the comfortable Newmarket winner MANTVET. 3.45 CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP (CLASS B) C4

1005-0 ROYAL AMARETYO (16) (D) (Harleoun Partnersha) B Meetran 5 to 0...W J O'Connor 12 108 

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BETTING: 6-1 Dower House, Kowana, 7-1 Prütus, 2 zus, 9-1 Chief Cashier, 10-1 Another Tizus, Rob-orani, 12-1 Dancing Pizantors, Sick As A Parrot, 14-1 Fehs, Royal Amaretto, 16-1 Philistar, Shadoof, 1998 Kewarra 4 8 2 T Sprate 20-1 (B Milman) drawn (8) 15 ran

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Royal Amaretto: Smart on his day, third in listed race (Im2t good to soft) last term, but mostly disappointing. Hampered, but still no promise in tongue strap on reappearance Dancing Phantom: Four starts for Michael Stortle, winning 16-numer maden at Sandown (m2t) good to soft before 12 lengths seventh of 10 in time? Group 2 at Royal Ascot Dower House: Led line in C&O handicap (good: 5th higher today) in June. Not seen after July as 3yo, but very good fourth to Striva in Group 3 at Newmarries last week. Puturia: Ran mostly in Islaed races as 3yo, winning at Newburry (fm2t, soft). Last of 12 and 8th of 15 in two handicaps off 3th and 2th higher than this last two outings. Eshiblast: Won maden and three handicaps last four starts (all at anound im2t) in 1897, but well beaten orly start in 1988. Well held on debut for new yard over hundles. Another Time: Best at 1m2t. Won E22,000 handicap at Ascot in June by head. 2to higher today Below form over shorter trip on AW debut in days ago. Carnot be ruled out Shadoort: Improved last May/June, winning decent handicaps over 1m2t at Restear and Epsorn. 3th higher today. Place prospects at least, if he is fit for this reappearance. Sick As A Perrot. Only 1th higher than last winning mark, from Redcar (im3t) good to firm) last August, and ran very well in AW listed race at Lingfield on second 1999 start. Kewarrat: Won this race (soft) first time out 12 months ago by 3 lengths. 1th lower today after running inconsistently afterwards. Acts on good to firm. Every chance on his best Roborarit: Went badly the wrong way as 3yo (for John Durlog) before a rewing last two starts, winning at Binghton firm2t, good). Poor efforts last two hundles outrings. Child Cashier: Twice C&D winner (on good to firm, and soft) last season. Good second of 7 of this 4th higher mark to Notrofit Joy at Warnick, on Flat reappearance. Philistan: 85t winner here last June off this mark. One good effort over 1m2t on Lingfield AW this winter, but below form last three ourings. Should be consider

VERDICT: Plenty make appeal, with Dower House and Zurs calching the eye with good efforts last time out. Both have good form over C&D to their names as well, and that comment also applies to Faihs and KEWARRA who are both vory well handicapped, Faihs indeed has already proved as much when winning by 3% lengths on the sand in November, Kewarra has more to prove on his most recent efforts, but, hopefully treshened up for this first run of 1998, he has to be the selection running off a 1tb lower mark than when an impressive winner of this race on his reconnections in 1998.

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BETTING: 9-4 Border Prince, 4-1 Greenstone, 9-4 High Hoytand, 5-1 Kuster, 8-1 Sole Singar, 16-1 Chai-Yo, 16-1 Victory Star, Blue Laser, 20-1 Evergreen Venture, Sohe Torony, 25-1 others 1998 Putura 3 8 4 M Roberts 4-1 (I Balding) drawn (I) 10 ran FORM GUIDE

Catys: Hato: Always behind and a 33-1 chance on belated debut on the AW at Lingfield (Im) in January when 5th of 6 to Ari Ot Esteem. Chal-You Winning huntle, no show on his only Plat outing last year, but fair effort when 2nd in the conditions event at Ascot (heavy) in 1997. Overnight rain will help, but likely to be out-

Mac's Dream: Poor form in maidens, handicaps and on AW last season (trained by Jere my Noseda until July). Behind after 41 when last of 18 on reappearance at Windsor (tri, good) this month. ures morem. Soho Tommay: Showed a little promise on his debut when 5th of 13 to Sure Dancer at Lelces-ter (91, good) this month, but this looks more competitive.

Victory Star: Soviet Star gelding out of a Storm Bird mare. Stable have gone 6 months without a winner

Blue Laser: Little sign of ability over 5f & 6f last season. Could improve for longer trip, but

Blue Leser: Little sign of ability over 5f & 6f last season. Could improve for longer trip, but first race for over 6 months.

Border Prince: Improved run 2nd outing last season when 6th in Newmarkst (fm, good) maiden. Confirmed that promise when 2nd to Surprise Encounter at Kempton (7f, good to firm) with Neptune 10th and should go close Evergreen Venture: Looked in need of the race on only outing last season when 7th of 8 to Lujan at Newmarket (6t, good) in July. Should do better in time High Hoyland: Easy in market (5t-1 to 33-f) when promising 3nd of 12 to Swan Knight at Newmarket (fm, good) last weak. Led until inside final furforing and has ideal low draw Kuster: Half-brother to several winners, given quiet introduction when 8th of 18 on only outing last season at Leicester (7t, soft) in October. May need farther, but Dettori booking significant.

nificant
Neptune: Started slowly and never reached leaders when 10th of 12 to Surprise Encounter on debut at Kempton (7f. good to firm) this month Sole Singer: Showed promise on both outings last season over 7f on soft ground. Looks the type to do better in his 2nd season Greenstone: 2nd in Salisbury (7f. good) maiden in September and falled to handle the testing conditions when 4th of 6 to Clason at Apr (tm. heavy) in October. Sure to win a maiden maint but high draw a disadvantable.

event, but high draw a disadvantage Lyrist: No promise in 71 mardens at Kempton last season and on reappearance at Leicaster this month.

Tick N Pick: Showed a little ability in 3 outlings on turf for Ed Dunlop last season. Sold for only 1400gns and one paced 3rd of 6 on AW at Lingfield (71) in February on first run for

new yard

War Baby: Looked a tricky ride (urnuly start) when last of 12 on debut at Kempton (7f, good to firm) this month. May be a long term prospect as she is a half-ester to the stayer Dou-VERDICT: Kuster looks one to keep an eye on after shaping well on his only start last season, though the draw is against him. Border Prince should not be far away after his half length second at Kempton, but Richard Hannon has struck form recently and HIGH HOY-LAND may be able to make all from his low draw.

A AR RAC CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS E) £6,000 added

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Stoppes Brow: Won at Goodwood (in, good to firm) last May Mostly ran creditably attenwards but first wins since when taking two handicers on Lingfield AW this month Bold Oriental: Tried over significantly longer trips last season before winning handicers at Lingfield (in, AW) in December, Below form twice since. Not one to rely on Dom Shadeed: Four starts for Lard Huningdon, mid-division in three malders on turb before winning one on Wolverhampton AW (855). Behaid in 92/ handicap there latest in handicaps after for Barry Hisls but ran one of his better races over 71 here. Northern Sun; Comparable form to these male at his best, but showed it only once from its country as 3yo apart from when find of 10 in handicap at Goodwood (71, good to firm). Rather headstong and nearly all his races have been at around that trip its 13 days ago suggested she would be book to form again very soon. Feel No Fear: Runner-up three times (promoted once) last season for Rod Simpson at 71/fm, Kingsfold Blaze: Another who would be tair bit better off in a handicap. Linexposed, though, after 3rd days ago suggested she would be base to form again very soon. Feel No Fear: Runner-up three times (promoted once) last season for Rod Simpson at 71/fm, Kingsfold Blaze: Another who would be tair bit better off in a handicap. Linexposed, though, after 3rd places in two madens (one over C&D) and poor run in a handicap conly tenth of 14 at Licester (tm. good) 13 days later. Decent chance on her best indiced by Tib claimer, disputed lead 61/d when 7th of 10 in 91 Kempton handicap. Full Egalitic Second taxourits, marked improvement when winning 9-numer maden at Brighton (65 soft) in November, leading later and improvement when winning 9-numer maden at Brighton (65 soft) in November, leading later and handicap, both on soft ground find in a Good to soft) 8 days ago Good chance on that, but may need further VERDICT: With Woore Lass shaping on her reappearance as if she now requires a longer tro than for the his to here as later to here of

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# Richmond chase European jackpot

AS RECENTLY as three and a half weeks ago, a Wednesday night mid-table match between Newcastle and Richmond at wet and windy Kingston Park any top-flight club in English would have generated about as much excitement as a William Hague rally in the Rhondda.

That was then. The European Cup accord hammered out in Paris late last month guarantees that tonight's match will send pulses racing, pacemakers ticking out of control and Premiership passions soaring to previously unexpected heights. The Tigers of Leicester may already have one paw on the trophy, but the fun and games will go down to the wire. Both Newcastle, eighth in

place further back, are ready to pean gravy train. John coach, has taken to playing down that ambition in public - tive and incapacitated "I don't expect us to make Europe, so we are just going to relax and enjoy ourselves," he lieves a word of it; more than them the luxury of a single fail-

RUGBY UNION BY CHRIS REWETT

rugby, Richmond could use the £500,000 or so expected to bolster the bank accounts of those who qualify for next season's

élite 24-team competition.

Leicester and

With

Northampton certain to make the cut, seven sides - London Irish, Bath, Wasps, Saracens, Harlequins and tonight's combatants - are effectively chasing four places; remarkably tonight's little tete-à-tête in the North-east is only the first of 10 matches between the direct contenders scheduled for the the table, and Richmond, one remaining 26 days of the campaign, "It's certainly too early fight tooth and nail for a top six to call the European outcome; finish and a seat on the Euro- there are so many key games between the main players still Kingston, the Londoners' to come," pointed out Rob Andrew, Newcastle's chief execu-

play-making talisman. All the same, the positions of Newcastle and Richmond on the said yesterday - but no one be-outer fringes of the contest deny

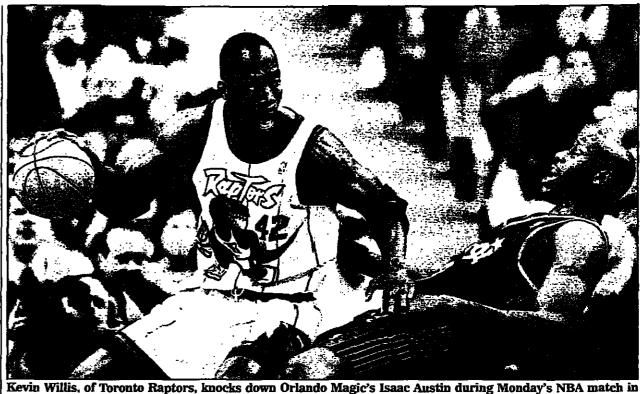
ure. The Falcons, unbeaten in league rugby at their Geordie homestead since January 1996, go into tonight's game without Andrew, who dislocated a shoulder in the dying seconds of Sunday's ferocious set-to with Wasps, and may well have to do without three other international backs. Jonny Wilkinson (twisted ankle), Va'aiga Tuigamala (strained knee) and Tony Underwood ("dead" leg) are all doubtful with Premiership

Harlequins, also in the north-east tonight for a "mustwin" game at West Hartlepool, are so fearful of committing a costly faux pas against the Premiership's bottom club that they have recalled Jason Leonard, Keith Wood, Zinzan Brooke and Chris Sheasby, a forward quartet boasting nearly 250 Test caps. "We have 23 points and there are 12 more available to us," said John Gallagher, the Quins manager. "Of those 12, I think we'll need nine; it seems 32 points might

ing players and coaches some late-season palpitations, they are nowhere near as stressed out as the fixture planners. The theory that at least two Premiership One clubs would fold before next September, thereby reducing the size of the top echelon from 14 to a more manageable 12, appears to be fading; Richmond, currently in administration, remain confident of a successful relaunch, novices David Walder, Jamie while Bedford are close to fi-Noone and Tim May standing by nalising a new investment package that would secure their immediate future.

Frank Warren, the boxing promoter who bought into Redford two years ago, is expected to sell his interest to joint backers by the end of the week.

If next season's Premiership stays at 14, the most successful clubs could play as many as 31 fixtures between the World Cup final on 6 November and the end of a season already expanded to accommodate the move to a Six Nations international format. The planners still say the campaign will end in May, but they refuse to say which May.



reaching the League Trophy

final, was overshadowed by dis-

#### Derby split with coach Donewald

DERBY STORM have parted company with their coach, Bob Donewald, after the club was involved in a number of disciplinary problems this season.

Derby said of the decision not to renew the 29-year-old American's contract: "While the club appreciate the coaching and recruiting capabilities of the coach, we are unwilling

BASKETBALL BY RICHARD TAYLOR

to compromise on fundamental administration differences between the two parties." They hope to announce a replacement by the end of this week.

ciplinary excesses. Donewald accrued a total of £900 in fines and suspension from four England international Yorick

Williams and American Rico Alderson were also suspended The most successful season for the last third of the season in Derby's history, by virtue of for their part in the brawl which chester Giants.

forced the league game at Chester in January to be abandoned after 28 seconds.

And another American. Maurice Robinson, received a six-month ban with a further six months suspended for failing to supply a complete urine sample after the League Trophy final, which Derby lost to Man-

#### TOWCESTER

HYPERION

2.10 Inclination 2.40 The Campdonian (nb) 3.15 Come On Eilish 3.45 Trade Dispute 4.20 Gale Tol 4.50 TAKE MY SIDE (nap) 5.20 Hurricane Jane

GOING: Good to Soft (Good in straight).

Right-hand, undulating circuit. Run-in of 140yds.

Course is on A5 SE of town. Bus service from Northampton sta-

Course is on A5 SE of town. Bus service from Northampton station. ADMISSION: Members £73 (OAPs £0); Tettersails £9 (OAPs £5); Course £5. CAR PARK: Free.

■ LEADING TRAINERIS: D Nicholson 30-84 (35.7%), Mrs J Pitman 13-55 (32.2%), K Bailley 13-56 (22.2%), Mrs J Pitman 13-55 (32.2%), K Bailley 13-56 (22.2%), Mrs C Bailley 12-17 (70.6%).

■ LEADING JOCKEYS: A Maguire 19-66 (28.8%), N Williamson 17-68 (25.8%), W Marston 19-107 (55%), A P McCoy 14-72 (19.4%).

■ FAVOURITES: 165-507 (38.5%).

■ TONGUE STRAPS: Deela's Devil (2-40), Milli O'The Regs (3-45), Arabian Bold (4-20), Haitham Tam (4-20), Guignoi Du Cochet (4-50), Elegant Fan (5-20), Distillet Filyer (5-20).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Slide On (visored, 3.15), Stamford Hilli (2-10), Milas Chiquita (2-10), Red River (2-40), Redgrave Wolf (3-15), Bad Bertrich (visored, 3.15), Grecian Lark (3-45), Mine's An Ace (4-20).

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G.	4 Standord Hill, 5-2 Inclination, 6-1 Montone, 7-1 in Good Order,	

If Europe's sudden reap-

16-1 Mrs Peel, Irm On The Park, 20-1 Doctor Hicks, Railhure, Spondulicks, Sebre Butt, Miss Chiquitz, 25-1 others

be enough to do the job."

FORM VERDICT

This will take little winning; Stamford Hill needs plenty of driving but has fair claims descite the first time head gear, Inclination and In Good Order both have the ability to a win a race of this nature but are passed over in favour of INN ON THE PARK who may be

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RETTINGS 13-R The Campringler, 9-2 Orohan Spa. 7-1 Depoleks Country, 8-1 Murberry, 10-1 The Lady Scores, Coulin Lock, King Of Babylon, National Fi-FORM VERDICT THE CAMPDONIAN is clearly the one to beat on recent form. He

has his limitations but the rest are so bad that he is by far the like-

3.15 WINNING FORMULA FOR WEDDINGS NOVICE HCAP HURDLE (E) \$3,000 2m 5f

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uler, 10-1 Stide On, Come On Ellish, 12-1 Brown Seal. 14-1 oth FORM VERDICT COME ON EILISH ooes wall on the track and has very solid claims

3.45 LAND ROVER MENS CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CHASE (H) 25,000 3m 1f 

FORM VERDICT A decent race in store, with the veteran course specialist Avostar bidding to extend his remarkable record here. He looks sure to give a good account of hemseled but may find the progressive TRADE DISPUTE too hot to handle.

4.20 HARTWELL LAND ROVER HUNTER CHASE (H) £2,000 added 2m 110yds

PPUP/P WILL IT LAST (15) (D) M HI 13 11 9... - 16 declared -

BETTING: 11-4 Formal Invitation, 7-2 Conti D'estruval, 9-2 Gale Tol, 8-1 Hee's A Dancer, 12-1 Mine's An Ace, 14-1 Rustic Gent, 16-1 Helhem Tern, Jack The Td, Super Sharp, Candle Glow, 20-1 others FORM VERDICT

Formal invitation ran around under pressure at Ludiow and isn't the easiest of rides these days but both CONTI D'ESTRUYAL and Calle Tol have been in good form already this spring and have solid claims. Preference is just for the former, who fooked much more his old self at Ascot last time and may come on again.

4.50 TOWCESTER RACECOURSE NOVICE CHASE (E) (Div II) £4,000 2m 6f PP221 ROYAL TOMMY (16) O Sherwood 7 11 9 JA McCarthy B PSPAD BURBLES GALORE (16) TO McCarthy 8 11 2 D Butrone (8) 975600 EDSTONE (2) J Curtis 7 11 2 W Murston B SSP2 MERRY SHOT (16) Mrs J Petran 7 11 2 A Thomson B

PP OWNER'S DELIGHT (104) G Hubbard 6 11 2 ....... - Official Control of the Control of 

- 9 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Royal Tomory, 3-1 Merry Stot, 7-2 Moordighter, 4-1 Take My Side, 8-1 Guignol Du Cochet, 14-1 Bubbles Galore, 20-1 Edstone, Owner's Delight, 25-1 The Bizzo

FORM VERDICT

The second of two dire divisions of this novice chase and while Take My Side has a lot in his tayour his jumping is not the salest and ROYAL TOMMY is expected to make all.

5.20 TOWCESTER FOR CONFERENCES HANDICAP HURDLE (F) \$2,250added 2m 

cene Jane, 10-1 Mershiginer, Chief Mouse, Summer Flower, 12-1 others

#### CATTERICK

2.00 San Michel 2.30 Foxkey 3.00 Sharp Edge Boy 3.30 Aspirant Dancer 4.00 Doonaree 4.35 Gunner Sam 5.05 Piggy Bank

INSPECTION: 7.30em
GOING: Soft, Heavy in places. STALLS: Inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High usually best for 5f on soft ground.
ILeft-hand course, undusting and sharp. Not suitable for the long-stricting horse.
I Course is NW of town on A6136. Darlington station 14m - bus service to course. ADMISSIONE Club \$12. Tettersalls £5; Course £2.50 (under 16s tree into all enclosures). CAR PARK: Reserved

2250 (Unifer in lies vite an exclusive pour pares £2, remainder free.

■ LEADING TRAINERS: J Berry 28-151 (18.5%), B Hills 18-49 (18.7%), M W Easterby 14-127 (11%), Mrs M Reveley 13-77 (18.9%).

■ LEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley 25-133 (18.8%), J Fortune 19-122 (15.6%), J Carroll 17-29 (13.2%), L Charmock 12-153 (78%).

FAVOURITES: 175-433 (404%).
TONGUE STRAPS: The President (230), AA Youknownothing (505), BLINKERED 1st TIME: French Mystery (vsored, 230).

2.00 IVAN LUIS APPRENTICE CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 6f 43315 PALACEGATE TOUCH (26) (CD) (BP) J Berry 9 9 11 ____

FORM VERDICT

David Nicholts has two superiors when it comes to reviving cast-offs from other stables, and BERNARDO BELLOTTO can underine his skill by taking this prize. Blueshing Grenadler and Piccolo Cattivo can prove the pick of the opposition.

2.30 WOT-IF-WE SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) \$2,500 added 2YO 5f

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6 60 HURTLE (14) M Were 8 6 R Lappin 7
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8 MELODIC HEIGHTS (26) J Berry 8 6 J Carroll 10
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10 declared 10 declared BETTING: 11-10 Footcy, 9-2 Moject, 5-1 Mejocitic Heights, 10-1 Lady Sendrovitch, 14-1 French Mystery, 16-1 Blue Sapphire, Horrite, 20-1 others

FORM VERDICT

FOOKEY, despite the edippe of the Doncaster first and fourth in better grade since, did enough first time out to suggest sine is up to winning in this grade. A high draw is normally an advantage on soft ground here, but Ent Alston's tily has plenty of early pace and may well be equal to the task.

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BETTING: 5-2 Guest Of Honour, 7-1 Sharp Edge Boy, 6-1 Hadeqa, 12-1

Grizzida, Risky Way, Cyro, Pandjojoe, 14-1 others

**FORM VERDICT** An open race. Guest of Honour and Pandjojne look likely to Improve on what they have achieved to date, but HADE-QA is proven under the conditions and is preferred. His stable may be about to strike top form.

liest winner. Murberry could be the main danger

3.30 MOONAX HANDICAP (CLASS D) £7,000 added 1m 4f

BETTING: 11-4 Kathryn's Pet, 11-2 Crystal Falls, 13-2 Archeigh Charmer, Aldarych Arros, 7-1 Aspirant Dancer, 8-1 House Of Drasna, 12-1 Colvey Ritz, 14-1 others FORM VERDICT

Recent course winner KATHRYN'S PET is taken to cope with this slightly shorter into and pip Andleigh Charmer for fin-tening speed. Asptrant Dancer is open to improvement under Isting speed. Aspirant Dancer to Open Aspirant Dancer

4.00 RICHMOND STAKES (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3YO 1m 4f 

BETTING: evens Toto Caclo, 7-4 Doonarde, 4-1 Western Command, 33-1 FORM VERDICT

This looks a straight choice between DOONAREE and Toto Caelo and Mark Johnston's runner is preferred because he 4.35 PRINCE OF MY HEART MAIDEN STAKES (D) £3,500 added 3YO 7f 

FORM VERDICT

Given the question-mark over Guinner Sem's ability to test horne over this extra furlong, there are grounds for looking etsewhere. MISTER MAL and Picture Puzzle both shaped quite well in more competitive events as 2yo's and are open to considerable improvement this time around.

F OF WHITE MUZZLE HANDICAP (CLASS E)

nationium weight: 7st 11st. 11st fandicale weights: Weethen 7st 8th. Clari-tyre 7st 7th. Sussiness Woman 8st 12th. BETTINET-7: Bewalens, 8-1 Bottle Roberts, 8-1 Oriel Girt, 10 Chartle Girt, Piggy Barth, Axondale Girl, Foreign Editor, Thorneby Cirl, 14 others FORM VERDICT

David Evens saddles two, with Bavelena likely to be the more fevoured. However, stablemens ORIEL STAR is the one with gewords. However, accessed or the draw - high numbers have norm on soft, has the better of the draw - high numbers have an advantage when it is soft - and ran better than her pos-tion indicates on her latest run.

#### PERTH

2.20 Sillymore 2.50 Forestal 3.20 Country House 3.50 High in The Clouds 4.25 Glacial Dancer 4.55 Victor Laszlo 5.25 Grasp The Net-

Bight-hand course with sharp turns. Run-in 280yd.

☐ Roght-hand course with sharp turns. Run-in 280yd.

☐ Course is in Scone Palace Park, 4m N of town on A93. Buses from Parth station (service from Dundee) 4m. ADMISSION £2 CAR PARK: £5 Picnic area including malemum four adults.

remander free

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

LEADING TRAINERS: M Hemmond 34-123 (19.5%), Mrs M
Reveley 23-70 (32.9%), J Goldle 15-67 (22.4%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: P Niven 23-73 (31.5%), A Dobbin 19-81 (23.5%), B Storey 13-13 (9.6%), A P McCoy 12-47 (25.5%).

FAVOURITES: 138-365 (37.8%).

TONGUE STRAPS: Stash The Cash (3.50), by House (4.25), Mick McCorn (5.25), LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS. The Hill Has Moved (2.20) and Saxon Meed (4.25) travel 449 miles BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Common Sound (visored, 4.55).

2.20 MURRAYSHALL HOTEL MAIDEN HURDLE (E) (Div I) £4,000 2m 4f 110yds

- 12 declared -BETTING: 3-1 Choice Cut, 7-2 The Hill Has Moved, 4-1 Northern Union, 9-2 Sillymore, 11-2 Lucky Master, 8-1 Thunderheart, 12-1 others FORM VERDICT

Cholos Cut catches the eye on his second to the useful Acker, but he was a bit flattered there and it could pay to rely on solid handcap form instead. NORTHERN UNION gets the rote on his falsest second at Cartiste, just ahead of Lucky Master who offers smilar credentials but is a bit more exposed.

2.50 TULLIS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) \$10,000 added 2m 4f 110yds 2/81-R CORSTON JOKER (144) (CD) Liumpo 9 20 ... R Supple 12826 FORESTAL (34) (D) J Howerd Johnson 7 20 ... A P McCoy 13th 1 AVANTI EIGHRESS (16) C Egerton 9 th 10 ... N Williamson B 22FFT THALDO (FF) (55) (D) H Day 6 th 3 ... R Johnson 5 5/524 (MONCS CHERRY (15) (D) J OUT 10 12 ... C Liensilyn CG-01F HUNCHEON CHANCE (15)(D) I Forguson (th) 9 10 0 A Maguare 1230P VINTAGE TAITTINGER (156) (CD) J Golde 7 10 0 . A Dobbin -7 declared -Maximum weight; 10st. True handicap weights: Huncheon Chance 9st 11lb.

Viringe Entiringer 9ct 90 BETTING: 5-2 Aventi Express, 4-1 Tiraldo, 5-1 Forestal, 11-2 Kings Cherry, 13-2 Constan Joker, Humcheon Chance, 10-1 Vintage Taltitinger. FORM VERDICT A wide-open contest, but with Insh handicappers doing quite well in Britain this writer, it could pay to side with HUNCHEON CHANCE. Forestall may be the main danger

3.20 SBJ NELSON STEAVENSON NOVICE HURDLE (C) 58,000 mares 3m 110yds 422410 LADY OF CONTINERRON (7) (D) N Twistin-Daves 7 to 10 _

2/3-21 COUNTRY HOUSE (153) J Old 8 Tl 7. 7 3-46 SOLWAY ROSE (16) JJ Ohnel 5 11 1 . L Cooper (7)
-7 declared BETTING: 2-1 Lady Of Goramerron, 9-4 Country House, 5-2 Mystere, 12-1
Chantilly Rose, 16-1 Dun Rose, Solway Rose, 25-1 Heavenly Thought

FORM VERDICT

COUNTRY HOUSE is taken to confirm her Warwick super-ority over Mystera atthough the latter is clearly much bet-ter than she showed that day and enjoys a 6th pull for a beating of over 14 lengths. Both appeal more than Lady of Gort-merron, who would be suited by some rain after disappointing

3.50 HALL & COMPANY WS NOVICE CHASE (CLASS C) £8,000 added 2m 4f 110yds 3/22th TROUBLE AHEAD (35) [D] N Bailey 8 ft ft 3/3/22th High N THE CLOUDS (28) (D) H Daty 7 ft 7 R Johnson 3-1936 STASH THE CASH (23) M Hammond 8 ft 7 B Handing

- 6 declared -BETTING: 5-4 Trouble Aheed, 11-8 High in The Clouds, 10-1 Steen The Ceah, 16-1 Triggerlish, 20-1 Turkish Tower, 33-1 Just Ned

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A tascinating toss-up between Trouble Ahead and HIGH IN THE CLOUDS, who were first and second in a 3m Taurition novice chase on soft going last month. Beaten 6 lengths at odds on that day, High in The Clouds has won since over today's trip and may be able to reverse the form on better ground with a 4b pull, atthough Trouble Ahead has also scored over 2m44 since, is an exciting prospect and his owner is the sponsor here.

4.25 NEW PLAN FURNITURE AMATEUR H'CAP HURDLE (E) £5,000 3m 110yds

FORM VERDICT

4.55 BALLATHIE HOUSE HOTEL HANDICAP HURDLE (D) 25,000 added 2m 110yds

1 321333 EASTERN PROJECT (44) (CD) (BF) M Hammond 5 11 10.....

FORM VERDICT

CINEMA PARADISO revealed enough when fourth in a Mus-selburgh maiden hurdle in January to suggest he can win off a mark like this on a sharpsh track over hurdles. Begorrat cannot be sure to have his own way but is capable of going well, as are the Hammond pair Jona Holley and Eastern Project, who are both better than they showed last time out.

5.25 MURRAYSHALL HOTEL MAIDEN HURDLE (E) (DIV II) £4,000 2m 4f 110yds

1-PF CHERGAN (26) Mrs S Brachume 6 11 7 . Mr M Brachume (3) 18-0 GRASP THE NETTLE (139) K Baley 7 11 7 .... N Williamson B 1/4 KNIGHTSBRIDGE STAR (16) Mss V Williams 10 11 7

53253 LOBBRIGALONG (16) N Richards 5 II 7 ...... A Dobbit

FORM VERDICT

t will be interesting to see how Knightsbridge Star gets on today on his sectord run since a long absence, while Mick McCanin is another live contender who is hard to assets. So is GRASP THE NETTLE, but he was a well-regarded prospect when forming kim Bařey and he could be worth another chance with the stable in better form now.

FORM VERDICT

Several could win this on their very best form, notably inmer Light on this more suitable track, but PRANCING BLADE comes into the race in good form and looks the one to beat on current efforts.

PONTEFRACT Going: Soft

Also ram: 100-30 fav Es Go, 8-1 Bronzino (5th), 10-1 Chimes of Peace, 10-1 Sarato-ga Red, 12-1 Stoten Music (6th), 14-1 Nofris, 16-1 Bodfan Signet, Cromer Ples, Frasky Fox, 20-1 Beafl, 25-1 Moonrelong, 33-1 Pendolino, 50-1 Desire's Gold. 17 ran. 6, 1½, 2½, 1½, 1%, 17, 18 Hannon. East Everleigh). Tote: 5560: \$2.20, \$2.50, \$2.50, \$2.40. DF: \$41.20. CSF; \$75002. Tricast; £1390.32. NR: Seconds Away.

2.50: (6! selling stakes)
1. BIRCHWOOD SUN ... .i Weswer 10-1 BIRCHWOÖD SUN ___ J Weaver 10-1
 Dandy Regent _Dean Mickeown 33-1
 Principal Boy _____ S Webster 11-7
 Also ran: 100-30 fav Magic Powers, 5-1
 Bedevilled, 6-1 Clarm Gobal Claim (Sth), 7-1
 Souperficial (4th), 70-1 Claranna, 11-1 Lady
 Carbina, 12-1 Taker Chance, 14-1 Lady
 Carbina, 16-1 Hyperico, 20-1 Jack To A King,
 S. 1 Link, Library (8th), 73-1 Ginp Britise. 25-1 U-No-Harry (8th), 33-1 Globe Raider, 50-1 Arcane Star, Parlez Moi D'Amour. Russian Rouge. 18 ran, 3/b, 1/b, 1/a, 1/s, 1. (M. Dods, Dar-

lington), Tota: £1150; £310; £1890, £400, OF: £17250; CSF: £30982. 

Toby could surprise everyone if the ground does not soften, but the tentaine selection is LATIN LEADER, whose stable is back in form now and who won well enough over 2m4 at Newcastle last time to suggest he may be worth another chance at this trip, having spoiled his prospects with mistakes on his last attempt. 3.50: (tm 2t classified stakes)

4.20: (m handicap) 1. NOMINATOR LAD .... D Holland 10-1

1. NOMINATOR LAD ___ D Holland 10-1
2. Ca'D'Oro ____ P P Murphy 10-1
3. Mitwingo _____ M Roberts 14-1
4. Holy Smoke ____ L Dettor 100-30 fav
Also ran: 8-1 Test The Water, 10-1 Finisterre, 11-1 Jay-Owe-Ivo, 12-1 King Uno,
Requestor, 14-1 Bushwhacker, Indium (5th),
Redswan, 16-1 Three For A Pound, 20-1
Bolin Terry, 25-1 Crounteer, 33-1 Alpine Hideaway (6th), Cybertechnology, Jorrocks,
50-1 Defiance.
19 ran. ½ 2 nk, 1½, ½, ½, (8 McMahon, Tamworth), Tote: \$1260: \$2.90, \$2.10, \$3.30,
\$1.3505: \$2.330, \$CSF: \$100.10. Tricast:
\$1.352.5. Trifectar, \$1496.90, NR: Hyde Park,
4.50: @m 1/2 20ds hartrican)

4.50: (2m 1f 22yds handicap) 1. OLD HUSH WING "A Culhane 3-1 fav 

Tirme:
16 ran. /-, 1, 3, 5, 8 (Mrs M Reveloy Sahburn). Tote: \$4.30; \$1.30, \$2.70, \$3.30, \$2.20DF; \$19.70, \$6.5F; \$27.85. Tricast; 629419. NR: Indiana Princess.

5.20: (8f 3yo filles makten stakes) 1. ROSEIM ______ M Roberts 25-1 2. Pilgrim's Way.____ G Duffield 100-30 3. Weaver Of Words __ K Fallon 13-8 fav Also ran: 2-1 Dalasuna (6th), 10-1 Smoki Also ran: 2-1 Dalastina (com), 10-1 Sinole Sgrea, 16-1 Morning Glory (Shi), 20-1 Lv Girl (4th), 100-1 Little Mermald. 8 rsn. 1₄, 1₅, 1, 17, 4, (R Guest, Newmar-let), Tote: C33.50; C380, C130, C100, DP: C10960 CSF: C99.73. Jackpot: Nor wor; £178.833.78 carried for-ward in Encompositor. ward to Epsom today. Placepot: £27050. Quadpot: £680. Place 6: £25687. Place 5: £48.95.

#### RACING RESULTS

FOLKESTONE Going: Soft

Scott, South Sou 2. Cool Temper 14-1; 2. Elmhurst Boy 7-2. 16 ran. 2-1 fav Barabasch. 8, 3%. (J. foler. Newmarket). Tote: £1300; £370, £3.50, £240. DF: £8160. CSF: £136.37.

Newmarker) Tote: £13.00; £3.70, £3.50, £2.40. DF: £3.60 CSF. £3.63.7; 3.00; 1. NEEDWOOD SPIRIT (6 Sanders) 9-2; 2. Shepherds Rest 7-1; 3. Workcostalothof 2-1 fav. 13 ran, 1½, rk. (6 Morgan, Burton-On-Trent). Tote: £5.90; £2.50, £2.50, £2.50 £1.00 DF: £2.240 CSF: £3.63.3 Tric-ses: £6.21; 3.30; 1. CONTRARY MARY (A Clark) 8-1; 2. Indian Elazo 9-2; 3. Welcome Sunset 5-1; 12 ran, 7-4 fav Oudsimuleena (5th). ½, ½, (J. Alechurst, Upper Lambourn). Tota: £1.30; £2.90, £2.00 £1.50. DF: £2.010 CSF: £3.48, 4.00; 1. RAINBOW ROMIEO (R Cochrane) 14-1; 2. Climamon Ledy 4-1; 3. Count Frederick 3-3-1 gran, 6-4 fav Democracy (6th). 6, 1½, (J. Alembe Poulton, Lewest, Tota: £2.30; £2.90, £2.00 £1.00 £1. Prench) 8-11 fav; 2. Compensation 3-1; 3. Haymarker 14-1 7 ran. 8-16; £1.00 DF: £2.20 CSF: £3.34. NF: Mellow Miss. 5.05: 1, GOLDEN ADE (S Carson) 6-1; 2. Doctor Bravious 10-1, 3. Pay Homage 14-1 13 ran. 9-4 fav Imperial Princa. 2, 2½, (R Sprest, Spalishog), fote: £3.00, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £3.20. CSF: £64.55. Tricast: £7.99.56. NF: £starek. 5.35; 1. GOODBYE GOLDSTONE (F Norton) 12-1; 2. Swampy 7-1, 3. Bishopstone Pond 3-3-1 14 ran. 2-1 fav Lucky Nemo. 6

79/. (T J Naughton, Epsom). Tote: \$1380; £330 £250 £460, DF: £4020 CSF: £8729. Tricest: £2550£400 Ouadpot: £340. Place 6: £15318. Place 5: £5144 CHEPSTOW

Going: Heavy

ton) 12-1; 2. Swampy 7-1, 3. Bishopstone Pond 33-1, 14 ran. 2-1 fev Lucky Nemo. 6.

Going Heavy

2.10: 1. SAINT CECILIA (I. Cummins) 12-1;
2. Ballymatragget 13-2; 3. Comicine 7-2.
11 ran. 5-1 fav Kellys Conquest (44th), 9, /n.
(B Eckley) Tota: CT730; C220, C130, C140,
DF: 522-20, CSF: 57-113

2.40: 1. BELMOREBRUNO (A P McCoy)
12-1; 2. Baronnelli 7-1; 3. See Enough 10-1
10 ran. 3-1 fav Mejors Legacy 6; 13, (M Pipel)
Tota: C1350: C310, C170, C250, DF: 55280.
CSF: E8389 Tricast: E79537.
2.10: 1. MR DOW JONES (Mr D O'Meara) 9-1;
2. Milister Horotto 5-1 pt fax: 3. Saffron Mose
20-1, 17 ran. 5-1 pt fax (Pary Soldier Blue 2,
28, (Mrs L Goldsworthy) Tota: C250; C360,
C300, C30, DF: E7030, CSF: E703 NF: Mr Mad
3.40: 1. ATLANTIC MIST (D Salter) 11-4; 2.
The Brewmester 10-1; 3. Krabboonik 3-1
6 ran. 7-4 tev Warm Spel (4th) 7, 2%, (B
Milman) Tota: C450, C180, C180, DF: E1090,
CSF: E2451, NF: Virtuso.
4.10: 1. MASTER CHUZZLEWIT (B Powel)
33-1; 2. Sol Music B-3 fay; 3. Durnickis
View 2-1-4 ran. 11, 6, (S Griffiths), NF: Boulevard Bay.

vard Bay. 4.40: 1. LOOK SHARPER (B Powel) 13-2: 4.40: 1. LOOK SHARPER (8 Powel) 13-2: 2. Enlipeus 2-1 tav; 3. Betswing 9-4. 12 ran. 3',4, 17. (R Bucker). Tota: £360, £210, £170, £150 DF: £340, £5F: £1752 NF: Brave King, Lightning Star Placepot: £2201540; £10,253.78 carried forward to today. Quadpot: £792.50. Place 6: £4800.31. Place 5: £2,052.88.

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# Film star ruse may aid Bosman clubs

CLUBS COULD force players to BY IAN RODGERS honour their contracts even if Fifa decides to implement a a method used by film-makers new law updating the Bosman Warner Brothers earlier this ruling, according to a leading sports lawyer. The world governing body is reportedly con-ruling, clubs could not force sidering handing complete players to turn out for their freedom of movement for players, allowing them to demand transfers even if they are tied to long-term contracts.

century to keep hold of their star, Bette Davis. Under that but they could issue an order which prevented her from working for any other studio." team, but could stop them going to another club. Foster believes that Eng-

Foster said: "Employers cannot force workers to work However, Ken Foster, a lec- for them - that is akin to slavturer in sports law at Warwick ery and clubs could not force a University, insists that clubs player to play for them. But could fight back by employing there is a precedent from the into Ronaldo's contract at Bosman ruling," a spokesman

1930s involving the actress Barcelona - I would call them said. "Basically as the legal sit- South Africa's bid committee. Bette Davis. She tried to walk player moves, a large compenout on a long-term contract with sation fee has got to be paid by Warner Brothers film studios. the player to get out of the con-They told her that they could not force her to work for them tract," Foster said.

lish clubs could also follow the

example of clubs in the Span-

Fifa has yet to make a final decision on the form the amendment to the ruling will take. "We are constantly working on amendments to regulations on players' status and transfers and they are, among ish league who have inserted other amendments, working clauses into players' contracts. on amendments to do with the "There was a clause inserted

penalty clauses - saying if the uation in Europe evolves, regulation must evolve to adapt and it is an on-going process."

South Africa is to invite the four other African countries seeking to stage the 2006 World Cup finals to a summit in Johannesburg to discuss a unified bid. The summit is to be held next month and follows a visit last week to Egypt and Morocco by the South African deputy tourism minister, Peter Mokaba, and Danny Jordaan. the chief executive officer of suade the other four African

The summit is to be convened

by the South African sports minister, Steve Tshwete, and invitations will be sent to the sports ministers of Ghana and Nigeria as well as Egypt and Morocco, the four other African countries in the race for 2006.

"It is imperative that Africa presents just one candidate if it is to win the bid," said Jor-

The South Africans are hoping that the meeting will per-

the race. They are also keen to include key figures from the other African countries on their bid committee to present a Cup finals to be held on the

The idea for a summit follows an appeal by the Confederation of African Football president, Issa Hayatou, for a single African candidate. Brazil, England and Germany are the other countries bidding for the

stronger case for a first World African continent.

#### Vialli: 'I made tactical mistake'

BY STEVE TONGUE

THE CHELSEA player-manager Gianluca Vialli, yesterday admitted to making a tactical error in Sunday's 2-2 draw at home to Leicester, which may have cost his side any real hope of winning their first League championship for 44 years.

Cheisea were 2-0 up and coasting until Leicester's Steve Guppy and substitute Ian Marshall began taking their defence apart in the last 20 minutes. The visitors scored two late goals to prevent Chelsea moving within a single point of Manchester United at the top of the Premiership.

Vialli defended the decision to send on Michael Duberry for Albert Ferrer in order to combat Marshall's aecial strength, but said he would have changed at that stage to a back four instead of persisting with three centre-backs, plus wing-backs. The system had been changed from 4-4-2 for the first time since the game at Derby in December, when a late equaliser also cost two points.

"I made a mistake which I take full responsibility for, because it's our responsibility to pick the right players and make the right substitutions," he said. "In 10 minutes we almost threw away what we've done for 10 months, but it happens in football."

Vialli agreed that the title now lies between United and Arsenal, who moved back in front of his team by thrashing Wimbledon 5-1 on Monday. "We have to learn from Manchester United to put the ball in the back of the net as often as possible, and from Arsenal in the way we defend and from their consistency and great spirit," he said. "It's now in their hands. We are third and will try to win the next five games but I don't think it's going to be enough. We hope we're going to have a positive reaction. You might be disappointed but you have to look at the next match."

That next game is the European Cup-Winners', Cup semi-final, second leg away to Real Mallorca tomorrow, which Chelsea must win. After being held 1-1 at Stamford Bridge they are optimistic that their goalkeeper, Ed De Goey, will be able to play despite a broken toe on his kicking foot, sustained towards the end of Sunday's match.

De Goey has played in more games than any other Chelsea player this season - 46 out of 50. He missed the first leg of the first-round European tie against Helsingborgs, when Dmitri Kharine made one of his four appearances. Kharine and Kevin Hitchcock will both travel to Spain today as cover. but there are no other injury

#### Scots set earlier kick-offs

THE SCOTTISH Premier League yesterday announced that the final fixtures of the season will kick-off at 12.30pm on Sunday, 23 May. Under the original agreement signed 12 months ago between the Scottish Premier League and Sky TV, the matches were scheduled to start at 6.05pm.

However, following further consultations between those two parties as well as the police and supporters' representatives, it has been agreed to bring the kick-offs forward.

Roger Mitchell, the SPL chief executive, said: "Sky and the police authorities are to be commended for their flexibility. It has been an extremely complicated process but we are hopeful that it will prove popular with fans and viewers alike. Due to the fact the football season in England will have finished, there is the opportunity matches for 12.30pm on Sunday.

"Hopefully the weather will son, after Neil claimed he had be kind and we can have real family atmosphere for our final fixtures of the season."

Despite the alterations, the situation is likely to arise again next season. Mitchell said: "We have been discussing the fixture arrangements for several weeks now and separate discussions for next year are still on-going. At present we are unable to arrive at a time which suits those involved. The likelihood is that the 6.05pm slot will

# Anelka anxieties haunt Wenger

BY BILL PIERCE

THE MISERY of moody Bleu Nicolas Anelka remains the one blot on Arsenal's landscape as Arsene Wenger sounds the bugle for the Gunners to continue their dogged and relentless Premiership title pursuit of Manchester United. The Frenchman was unable

to bathe in the warm glow of his team-mates' satisfaction after they lifted the gloom of last week's dramatic FA Cup semifinal exit against United with an emphatic 5-1 victory over Wirnbledon. The new hero of post-World Cup France, a 20-year-old giant with the natural talent to become his country's No 1 striker for years to come, was dropped for last night's game at Highbury which lifted Arsenal to within a point of the leaders.

Anelka cut a lonely figure,

PREMIERSHIP TOP THREE

REMAINING FIXTURES Manchester United: Sunday, Leeds United (away): 1 May: Aston Villa (home): 5 May: Liverpool (a): 8 May: Middlesbrough (a): 12 May: Black-burn Rovers (a): 16 May: Tottenham

Hotspur (h).

Arsenal: Saturday: Middlesbrough
(a): 1 May Derby (h): 5 May Tottenham (a): 8 May Leeds (a): 16 May Refinant (a); o heay Lecus (a); 10 heay Aston Villa (h); Chelsea: April 24: Sheffield Wednesday (a); May 1: Everton (h); May 5: Leeds (h); May 8: Tottenham (a); May 16 Derby County (h).

unemployed and unheralded on the substitutes' bench after a personal nightmare in the semi-final replay six days earlier. Now Wenger faces critical decisions over the loss of form of the young man he snatched from Paris St-Germain two years ago and who, last season, splendidly accepted the challenge of replacing the club's record marksman, Ian Wright.

Anelka scored the FA Cup final goal against Newcastle which clinched the Double and brought him a fat new four-year contract last summer and since then has added 15 more this season. But he has not scored in seven games since the end of February and rumours of his unsettled life in London just will

deny suggestions that Anelka, who admits he cherishes the idea of one day playing in Spain, will be up for sale in the summer, "Nicolas is not going anywhere," Wenger insisted as he patiently explained why Anelka was dropped for the second time in four games, "People

Patrick Vieira (top) celebrates with Nwankwo Kanu after the Nigerian scored his second goal and Arsenal's fifth in Monday's 5-1 win over Wimbledon seem to forget that he is only 20 years old and has played so many games for us this season. There is intense pressure on all these games and it was clear to me he needed a rest but that months ago. doesn't mean he won't come

But the introduction of Nigerian giant Nwankwo Kanu Wenger was again obliged to for his full Highbury debut in Anelka's place gives Wenger a dilemma for the five remaining games in which just one slip could destroy the dream of retaining the title.

back into the team."

Consistently brilliant Kanu scored one goal, played a vital part in two others - including his header which went in off

Ben Thatcher after striking a post - and, most significantly proved he is fit for 90 minutes. the only doubt over him when he arrived at Arsenal two

The Gunners can go top of the Premiership for the first time this season if they win at in-form Middlesbrough on Saturday. But then United will have two games in hand, starting at Leeds on Sunday - a match which could be hugely influenced by their fortunes in Turin tomorrow night when Juventus bar the way to their

dream of a treble. "Personally, I hope Manchester United win in Italy and

reach the final of the Champions' League," said the Arsenal midfielder Patrick Vieira, "That would be very important for football in England and it would give them something else to think about apart from the

championship. "We [Arsenal] all feel so much better than last week after that game against Wimbledon and we were very happy for Dennis Bergkamp that he scored after missing the penalty in the semi-final. But I also had to do my part because it was the stupid ball I lost against Manchester which helped Ryan

pressure on Manchester United right to the end."

Wenger accepts the reality that United still have to slip twice in their remaining six games to give Arsenal any real opening. United's massive goallifference of plus-40 is worth virtually an extra point, even though the Gunners boosted their own mark to 34 on Mon-

day night. But the England coach, Kevin Keegan, could have a defining influence on the title race with the squad he picks on Thursday for the friendly international in Hungary next Giggs to score their winning week. He has indicated he will goal. I feel now we can keep the not call upon any of the play-

ers from the Premiership's top three clubs even though such diplomacy would not impress some other top-flight managers.

Indeed many believe the Budapest game serves no real purpose and runs an unnecessary extra risk of injuries to key players. But whatever Keegan's deliberations, Wenger also has to contemplate Bergkamp and Marc Overmars being called up by the Netherlands for their friendly at home to Morocco next Wednesday a game in which United's powerful defender Jaap Stam could

Bergkamp has not trained

Overmars, too, is only just coming back to full power after an ankle injury and blistered feet sustained in the Netherlands' friendly against Argentina last month but the

Euro 2000 hosts are unlikely to let Wenger withdraw either of his players from the Morocco game without making their

#### Forest set to make Confident Wilkinson move for Moyes

NOTFINGHAM FOREST have Brian Little and Sammy McIltargeted Davie Moyes of Pre-roy of Macclesfield Town. An ston as their manager. The rel- official approach is expected egation-bound side are ready this week, although an apto approach North End for the pointment would not be made 35-year-old Scot, who has transformed the Lancashire club in his 15 months in

job at Manchester United, is the type of young coach Forest manager, Dave Jones, to the want as they go back to the referees' officer, Phil Don. drawing board after a disastrous season under Dave Bassett and Ron Atkinson. The fact by referee Neale Barry at Villa that Moyes is used to working Park after he pulled at the shirt within a tight budget is also in of the Aston Villa midfielder his favour as Forest face a sea- Ian Taylor in the Saints' recent son of financial cutbacks in the 3-0 defeat at Villa Park.

Moyes has guided Preston into a Second Division play-off of an FA Cup final appearance berth having spent just £25,000. His side has gained a reputation for playing stylish football ing ground accident. The and almost gave Arsenal a on-loan Metz forward has had shock in the third round of this season's FA Cup.

that also included Stoke City's Saturday.

until next month.

Southampton have lost their appeal to overturn the sendingoff of Norwegian internation-Moyes, who was shortlisted al defender Claus Lundekvam for the assistant manager's against Aston Villa despite a personal request from their

Lundekvam was dismissed for a second bookable offence Newcastle's French striker

Louis Saha has had his hopes severely dented after fracturing his cheekbone in a trainsurgery after a collision with defender David Beharall, who Moyes has emerged as the made his senior debut in the top name on a list of candidates 3-1 home defeat by Everton on

HOWARD WILKINSON does not BY MATT BARLOW believe England's poor performance in the World Youth Cup

means that the country's young footballing talent has fallen behind the rest of the world. The Football Association's

technical director thinks the much-weakened England team that played in Nigeria this month did not reflect the wealth of potentially world-class young footballers now prospering in the Premiership.

England, without young first-team regulars like Michael Owen and Jonathon Woodgate, failed to score a goal in their three World Youth Cup matches, which all ended in defeat. They had the worst record of any team in the tournament, but Wilkinson refused to be downcast about the future of

the national game. "I don't think the England performance in the under-20 championships in Nigeria would be taken by any serious student of the game as an accurate measure of where our young footballers stand in the world." he said. "The team that went out, as opposed to some nations who were out there, would not sided equivalent, he said.

have been the best performers available to play there." Wilkinson was speaking

after the launch of the Coca-Cola Mini Soccer revolution, inspired by his own 'Charter for Quality', at Wembley Stadium in London yesterday. The new seven-a-side football scheme will replace full-size games for all players aged under 10.

Wilkinson and England's temporary coach, Kevin Keegan, were both at Wembley for the launch, along with Martin Keown, the Arsenal and England defender.

Wilkinson said the mini soccer scheme was an essential development to improve standards in young players as well as maximising the enjoyment they got from football

The former Leeds and Sheffield Wednesday manager said the changing social environment of Britain had meant a decline in street football. which he had enjoyed as a child. Street football had not been adequately replaced by a proper, well-monitored small-

Wilkinson said: "The need for organised recreation has risen in recent years, for all sorts of ticipated the effects of losing street football as we might

have done." The disappointment many felt in England's form in Nigeria was mirrored in Saudi Arabia. where their side's German coach, Piet Hamburg, has paid for their first-round elimination with his job. His contract was terminated "after he failed to reach the required results," according to the Saudi FA's spokesman. He said a new coach would be hired soon to replace Hamburg but he did not

give any details. Earlier this month the federation hired a Czech, Milan Macala, to guide their national squad. He became their fourth coach in 10 years when replacing another German, Otto Pfister, who took Saudi Arabia to the second round in the 1994 World

Cup in the United States. Pfister was re-hired last year to replace Carlos Alberto Parriera of Brazil, who was sacked after the Saudis' poor performance in the 1998 World Cup.

#### Captain backed after drug-taking

MARTIN NEIL, the Berwick him through whatever remedial reasons. I don't think we an- Rangers captain, has been progress is deemed necessary given the full support of his club after his confessions of drugtaking.

The Scottish Third Division side have confirmed they will stand by their 29-year-old defender after he admitted to taking cocaine, LSD and ecstasy for the last 12 years. He has agreed to have drug counselling, probably near his Edinburgh home, and will miss the club's last three matches of the season as he begins his rehabilitation progress.

It was widely expected that Neil, who recently signed a new two-year contract, would be sacked by the club. However, in a statement authorised by the chairman, Tom Davidson. Berwick said "to a man" they were supporting the player.

"The board of Berwick Rangers must advise that Martin Neil will be given every support during a most traumatic time," it read. "To a man, management, playing staff and the board are behind Martin

The assistance and advice offered by the Scottish Football Association and the Scottish League will be most gratefully accepted."

since the semi-final in which, al-

though he would never suggest

it, a groin strain may have con-

tributed to the tame penalty

shot which left him in such de-

spair until Monday night when

he was brought off to a stand-

ing ovation 20 minutes from the

Paul Smith, the Berwick manager, said: "I spoke to Martin today and he has agreed to counselling. That is the most important thing at the moment and we hope to see him back next season."

Neil's revelations will probably prompt the SFA to step up to schedule the last day's the number of random drug tests among players next seanever been tested. Tony Higgins, secretary of the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association, said: "The SFA make an assessment at the end of every season about the number of tests that have been taken.

No numbers are made public

but I am certain the procedure will be stepped up. "I am sure Neil's case is a special one, considering the number of drugs he says he has and will endeavour to bring taken over the years.

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be maintained for next year."

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Vialli:
'I made tactical mistake'

A. H. Color

# Henman can take solace in defeat

ALTHOUGH THE deficit on Tim Henman's clay court account worsened yesterday, 14 defeats against six wins, the British No 1 has rarely performed better on the sport's slowest surface than he did here in the second round of the \$2.45m (£1.5m) Monte Carlo Open.

Faced with Fernando Meligeni, an experienced Latin American capable of rallying all day and through the night if necessary, the British No 1 recovered from 0-2 to take the first set and picked up his game from 0-2 in the third set to create a match point before being denied 6-7, 6-4, 7-5 after two hours and 38 minutes.

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Henman, seeded No 3 thanks to his ranking on friendlier surfaces, and given a bye in the first round, came within one shot of a place in the last 16 of a tournament that usually only caters for Brits in the hospitality

Meligeni, serving at 4-5 with advantage to Henman, missed with his first delivery. Henman returned the second serve with a forehand, and Meligeni astutely faded a forehand drive from the baseline towards Henman's forehand, the But I know my game on clay Briton's response on the run landing in the net.

The detail is necessary, not

BY JOHN ROBERTS in Monte Carlo

also to record a match-winning situation for a Briton on an alien surface against an opponent who was raised on the red stuff. Meligeni's world ranking, No 51, was not an accurate guide. Born in Argentina, but now representing Brazil, the 28year-old left-hander has won three clay court titles and advanced to the quarter-finals of his last two events, in Estoril and Barcelona Henman scored the sixth

clay-court win of his career in Barcelona, defeating the Argentinian Mariano Puerta in the first round before losing to the Spaniard Francisco Clavet. This week, as last, Henman took some consolation from his improved form on clay without minimising the disappointment of defeat. "It's a little bit like when I lost to [Jim] Courier [in the Davis Cupl," he said. "You feel very optimistic. That's difficult after you have just lost. You want to win those type of matches. is hundreds of times better than it has been.' That is undeniable, al-

only to emphasise Meligeni's though there were passages quality on a critical point but during yesterday's contest



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when Henman was torn between his instinctive attacking game and the need to create points with prudent rallying from the back court, sometimes falling between the two styles. "Sometimes when I want to win a game, that's when I don't play my best; I can be a little bit impatient," Henman said. "The attitude that I've got to have - and when I play my best I do have it - is I've got to earn the point. You can't just take reckless

Henman's first serve, and

the reliability of his forehand, are key elements of his success, or failure. When he man- the opening game of the final aged to steady both yesterday he was able to match the best Meligeni could produce. Considering that a double-fault cost Henman the second game of the match, he did well to gain enough confidence to break back for 4-5 and then recover again, hitting the back fence with a smash on the third point of the tie-break and proceeding to win the shoot-out, 7-5, with

set. Henman was at his best when levelling at 2-2 but, after almost turning the match in the 10th game, he lost his serve for 6-5 when his high backhand volley merely deflected Meligeni's drive. By now there were twinges of cramp in Henman's left thigh, though not in his style.

for 2-1, and shook Henman in

Britain's other representative, Greg Rusedski, who was some potent serving. also given a first-round bye, is Meligeni secured the only due to play his opening match

today against the Czech Jiri Novak, who defeated Marc Rosset 6-3, 7-5.

Boris Becker, whose father Karl-Heinz died on Monday night, withdrew from the tournament yesterday. Karl-Heinz Becker, an architect, designed the tennis club-house in Leimen, Germany, where his son learned to play.

Andre Agassi also withdrew from the event, citing a shoulder injury, the day after hitting balls with Prince Albert to demonstrate the power of his

# Wattana too hot for Fu in **Asian battle**

JAMES WATTANA was the toast of Thailand after denying Far East rival Marco Fu a debut victory in the Embassy World Championship at The Crucible Theatre, in Sheffield, yesterday.

The unofficial all-Asian title was at stake as well as a place against Stephen Hendry or Paul Hunter in the last 16 of the £1.4m event. "It was the worst possible draw for me," admitted Wattana after beating his Hong Kong rival 10-8. "But this result is just what I needed. I haven't felt as good and able to perform under pressure for a long time. Marco is such a great player, and had I not been right mentally I could easily have lost."

Wattana began as the underdog despite two appearances in the last four of the world championship. Fu, the world No 377, was making his Crucible debut after winning four qualifying matches.

Wattana, the No 15 seed. who is threatened with relegation from the top 16 next season, was 8-7 behind before he rallied with a break of 62 to level at 8-8 and then made a 136 clearance for 9-8.

The 18th frame was easily the longest of the match. Wattana compiled an opening 40 break and by taking the last red he left Fu needing all the colours to force a re-spot. Fu. this season's Grand Prix runner-up, could only leave a free ball while escaping from a snooker behind the black and victory went to Wattana.

It was relief for Wattana. whose first-round matches during the last three seasons have

By MARK PIERSON

only been settled by a deciding 19th frame, but he must still reach the final on 2 May if he is to retain his top 16 status. "It's the worst possible way

to end my season," said Fu. "If I could have won the 16th frame I might have won the match. but I made an elementary mistake on a safety shot. I felt nervous at the start but I managed to settle down. However, I still didn't feel comfortable out there because my cue action is not great at the moment."

Joe Perry is on the verge of a major upset as he takes a 7-2 lead over Steve Davis into this morning's session. The Wis-bech-based Perry, the world No 74, needs just three of the remaining 10 frames to take his place alongside the first-round giant-killers Nick Walker, Matthew Stevens and Chris Small. Perry turned professional in 1992 the year, Davis suffered a shock first-round exit against the then ponytailed Peter Ebdon. And in 1995 Davis was beaten 10-7 at this stage by Andy Hicks.

Mark King is through to round two after a 10-8 win over Darren Morgan. The world No. 16 fought back from 8-6 down to set up a meeting with the defending champion. John

Higgins,
EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP,
(Sheffield) Roday's games, morning
session (10.00): A McManus (Sco) v J
White (Eng): 5 Davis (Eng) v J Perry (Eng).
Afternoon session (14.00): 5 Lee (Eng)
v J Lardner (Sco): 5 Hendry (Sco) v P Hunter
(Eng). Evening session (19.00): R
O'Sullivan (Eng) v L Fernandez (Rep Irl).

#### Salt Lake Games loses £20m sponsor

THE 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City has lost its first major sponsor as a direct result which is thought to be about of the corruption scandal sur- £1bn. rounding bidding for the Games.

The New Jersey-based healthcare products group, Johnson & Johnson has withdrawn its £20m support for the event. John McKeegan, a spokesman for the company, said: "It was always going to be in the back of people's minds."

Salt Lake Organising Committee officials remain confident that they will raise the £200m still needed to meet the cost of hosting the Games.

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in negotiation with about 25 companies and have found they are still very receptive to pur-

Investigations revealed that the city's bid committee offered almost £1m in bribes to International Olympic Committee members to help acquire the Games. A total of 10 IOC members have been expelled or have resigned after being linked to cash payments or

John Parrott (Everton), singer Mick Hucknall (Manchester United) and actor Robson Greene (Newcastle).

Brighton, who have been playing at Gillingham since the sale of their

Goldstone ground, are to receive a £500,000 loan from the Football

Goldstone ground, are to receive a £500,000 loan from the Football Trust to help fund a temporary move to Withdean Stadium. The Brighton venue needs improvements of £1.4m, including seating for 6.000. SWEDEN SQUAD [v Republic of Ireland, Irlendly International, Lansdowne Road, Dublin, 28 April): Hedman (Coventry), Killsteet; [Brann]. Andersson (Borussia Mürchengladbach). Blorklund (Valenta), Jakobsson (Heisingborgs), Kamaris (Leicester). Ludc (Bologna), Sundgren (Zaragoza). Alexandersson (Sheffield Wednesday), Andersson (Sheffield Wednesday). Andersson (Gotterborg), Majabris (Leich, Swatz (Manchester United). Ljundberg (Arsenal). Mild (Cotterborg), Majabris (Leich, Swatz (Manchester), Manchengladbach). Denmarkt Soulad (w South Africa, friendly international, Copenhagen, 28 April): Schmeichel (Manchester United). Sourasson (Sunderland), Colding (Brordby), Grawtsen (Sunderland), Colding (Brordby), Grawtsen (Hamburg SV). Helistize (Bayer Leverkusen), Hemfissen (Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Copen

FOOTBALL

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EUROPEAN CUP
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Clydebank v Greenock Morton (7.30) ....
RYMIAN LEAGUE Premier Division (7.30): Chesham v Bromley. First division (7.30): Croydon v Carwey Island; Maidenhead Utd v Yeading: Molesey v Operisey Town. Second division (7.30): Banstead Athletic v Hertford Town. PONTINS LEAGUE Premier Division: Preston v Leeds (7.0): Stoke v Aston Villa (7.0). First division: West Brom v Burnley (7.0): Second division: Blackpool v Bradford (7.0): Huddersfield v Shrewsbury (7.0): Sheffield Utd v Rotherham (2.0): Sockport v Lincoln (7.0). Third division: Chester v Hull (2.0): Darlington v Wigan (2.0): Halifax v Bury (2.0): Wakall v Carisle (2.0).

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AWON INSURANCE COMBINATION
First Division: Arsenal v Ipswich (2.0);
Samet v Portsmouth (7.30); Bournemouth
v Swindon (7.30); Charlton v Brentford
(7.0); Fulham v Reading (2.0); Luton v Peterborough (2.0); Wardord v Northampton (7.30); Wimbledon v Gillingham
(7.30); Wycombe v Cambridge (2.0).
WHISTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE Premaler Division (7.30); Beckenham Town
v Deal Town (7.30); Canberbury City v VCD
Arthletic (7.30).

#### Simpson's all-clear for cup final THE LONDON BRONCOS have RUGBY LEAGUE breathed a sigh of relief at the

news that their second-row forward, Robbie Simpson, will be able to play at Wembley.

Simpson was found guilty of A spokesman said: "We are | a reckless high tackle for which he was placed on report during the 40-8 defeat by Wakefield on Sunday, but was suspended for just one match at his hearing yesterday. "It's great news because Robbie is a very important member of our team," said the Broncos' coach, Dan Stains.

Dominic Peters will move from the wing to the second row to cover for Simoson's absence against Warrington on Saturday. with Rob Smyth coming back in other vote-buying inducements. | an effort to prove his fitness for

BY DAVE HADFIELD

the Challenge Cup final against Leeds a week later.

London are already without Grant Young, Darren Bradstreet and Brett Warton for Wembley because of injuries, while Stains said that he will not select Shaun Edwards if he risks long-term damage to a broken thumb. "It's a very important football

game, to Shaun and everyone here," Stains said. "But his health will outweigh that." Wembley finalists Leeds are

to play five matches in 16 days. The Rhings have been instructed to play St Helens at Knowsley Road on 4 May, three days after the Challenge Cup final.

Salford, one of only two teams without a victory in Super League, will have Gary Broad-Alker are all fit to return after iniuries for their match at

Gateshead on Sunday. Australia and New Zealand have been forced into changes in their sides for their Test in Sydney on Friday. Craig Gower has been dropped from the Australian side as a disciplinary measure after an incident at their hotel, with Andrew Johns

The Kiwi captain, Quentin

coming in at hooker and Matt Sing of Sydney City taking his place among the substitutes.

Pongia, and Tony Puletua are both out of their side, with Terry Hermansson and Matthew Rua taking their places.

The former Australian coach. bent, David Hulme and Malcoim Bob Fulton, has resigned as coach of Manly, who have lost all seven of their matches so far this season. Fulton, the game's most successful coach at club and international level, previously stood down from the Test job in

order to look after his sick wife. Oldham and Featherstone Rovers will observe a minute's silence before their match at Spotland tonight, in memory of Bob Irving, the former Oldham, Wigan and Great Britain secondrow forward who died at the weekend at the age of 50.

### leaves rivals trailing

Citroen's innovation

FRANCE'S PHILIPPE Bugalski, driving a Citroen, leads the Rally of Catalunya with just five car on Tuesday morning. "The special stages between him and a record victory today.

Bugalski is driving a special the other teams. On dry asphalt a lot of time." these lightweight cars are quicker than their four-wheel drive cousins.

Bugalski finished vesterday's six stages south of Barcelona with a lead of 17 seconds from fellow Frenchman Didier Auriol Auriol's Toyota team-mate and the local hero Carlos Sainz is third.

"I didn't think I could hold off the World Rally Cars today," admitted Bugalski, who inherited the lead when his team-mate Jesus Puras could not start his

#### RALLYING

stages were rough and should have been better for the others, but I'm happy to be leading. 1 lightweight two wheel drive just hope now it doesn't rain on version of the rally cars used by the final day. That will lose me

two fastest stage times in his Ford Focus despite declaring today a test day after losing seven minutes to turbo problems on Monday. The Scot lost a further five minutes with a puncture yesterday. He is 18th almost 14 minutes behind Bugalski. Richard Burns is sixth in his Subaru after being penalised a minute for jumpstarting a stage.

The world champion, Tommi Makinen, is fourth.

#### Scots set carlier kick-offs

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#### ATHLETICS Glasgow's Scotstoun Stadium will stage the annual season-ending Great Britain v United States match on Saturday, 4 September.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 1 Tampa Bay 4: Kansas City 4 Minnesota 6. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Milwuakee 2 St Louis 6: Colorado 11 Montreal: 10: Ari-zona 3 Philadelphia 2: San Diego 0 Pitts-burgh 3: San Francisco 5 Florida 4: Los Angeles 3 Arlanta 11. BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL

NBA: Philadelphia 72 New York 67:
Toronto 90 Orlando 72: Miami 94 Cleveland 87: Charlotte 120 New Jersey 113:
Indiana 120 Boston 104: Houston 120
Seattle 113; Sacramento 102 LA Clippers
98: LA Lakers 117 Vancouver 102.

EUROLEAGUE FINAL FOUR (Minnich,
Ger): Kinder Bologna (It) 62 Teamsystem
Bologna (It) 57.

GREENALLS SPRING WATERLOO (Blackpool) Final qualifiers: C Morri-son (Sale) bt K Jackson (Preston) 21-12: J Gildroy (Mhitby) bt G Hilton (Morsley) 21-20: D McDermott (Wirral) bt J Fuller-ton (Birkenhead) 21-9: A Prescott (Leigh) bt W Jones (Salford) 21-15.

#### BOXING

Wayne McCullough has been sued fess than three weeks before he challenges for the world super-bantamweight title. Thei Torrance, who runs the Las Vegas gym in which McCullough trains, claims he has not been paid for services rendered regarding McCullough's loss against Naseem Hamed in October.

#### CRICKET

Alvin Kallicharran, the former West Indian Test batsman, is expected to continue as Kenya's coach after next month's World Cup. Jimmy Rayani the Kenya Cricket Association chairman, said yesterday that Kallichar-ran had provisionally agreed to accept an intended extension to his methods have been criticised by methods have been trituded by some of Kenya's top players, notably the vice-captain, Maurice Odumbe, who was fined and threatened with suspension by the KCA for claiming Kallicharran had little coaching

#### FOOTBALL

Sir David White, the chairman of Mansfield Brewery, has been ap-pointed to the board of Nottingham Forest as a non-executive director. Eddie Jordan, the motor racing grand prix owner, has been inducted into the FA Premier League Hall of Fame as a famous fan. Jordan, a Coventry supporter is joined in the Hall of Fans. part of the Hall of Fame which opens in London in June, by snooker player

suing sponsorships."

#### SPORTING DIGEST

hagen), Schjoenberg (Kaiserslautern).
Goldbaek (Chelsea), Helweg (Milan),
Joergensen (Udinese), A Nilelsen (Tot-tenham), B S Nilelsen (Copenhagen),
Toefting (Duisburg), Frederliksen
(Aalborg), Groenkjaer (Ayax), Moinar
(Sevilla), Sand (Brondby), Tomasson
(Feyenoord).

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SOUTH AFRICA SOUAD: Baloyi (Kalzer Chiefs), Wonk (Heeremeen, Neth). Fish (Bolton Wanderers), Issa (Marseille). Motkoena (Ajax). Nyathi (Cagliari). Radebe (Leeds United). Fortune (Atienco Madrid). Unimala (Kalzer Chiefs). Mikhalele (Anianagucu). Mingomeni (Orlando Pirares). Misoboeu (Fenerbunce). Plairi (Genclerbrilgi, Turn). Sapulia (Lomo Cosmos). Masinga (Bari). McCarthy (Ajax). Mishansi (Poralimul, Cyp). Ndianya (Kalzer Chiefs).

MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS: FA Carling Promiership: Arsenal 5 (Parlour 34, Veira 49. Tharcher og 56. Bergkamp 57. Xanu 59) Wimbledon 1 (Cort 70). Nactionwide Conference: Hednesford 2 Stevenage 2. UnitBond League Premier Division: Emicy 1 Chorley 0, Hyde Utd 1 Leigh RM 2. First Division: Ashton Utd 4 Gretna 2. Ryman League Premier Division: Dagenham & Redbridge 0 Gravesend 0. Dr Martens League Midland Division: Dagenham & Redbridge 1 (Corty 0) Spaking 2. Jewson Wessan League Premier Division: 5 & L. Corby 0 Spaking 2. Jewson Wessan League

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Premier Division (7.30): Cogenhoe v St Neots (7.30). SCREWING DIRECT LEAGUE Premier Division (7.30): Barnstaple Town v Bideford: Bridgot v Elmore, Yeovil v Man-gotsfield Utd.

gotsfield Utd.
NORTH WESTERN TRAINS LEAGUE
First Division (7.30): Leek CSOB v Vaus-hall GM.
JEWSON LEAGUE First Division (7.30): Whitton Utd v Tiperee Utd.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE First Division (7.30): Money Fields v Lyming-ton & New Milton.

TODAY'S

**NUMBER** 

156

The number of places

in the European golf

rankings – from 178

to 22 - that

Frenchman Jeff Remesey leapt thanks

to his victory in the

Estoril Open on

Sunday.

#### First Division: Totton 0 Lymngton & New Milton 1. Pontins League Premier Di-vision: Everton 5 Nottingham Forest 2. Stoke 1 Blackburn 0 First Division: Oldstoke 1 Blackburn 0 First Division: Old-ham 2 West Bromwich 2 Second Divi-sion: Sheffield Uld 0 Bradford City 3 Third Division: Carrisle 1 Scunthorpe 3, Auon Insurance Combination First Di-vision: Chelsea 3 Crystal Palace 1, Wycombe 0 Swindon 0

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CATALLINYA RALLY (Lloret de Mar, Sp): Leading positions (after 11 stages: 1 P Bugaiski (Fr) Circoen Xsara 2hi 5min 18.3sec: 2 D Aurio (Fr) Topota Corolla +183 5sec: 3 C Sanz (Sp) Topota Corol-la+22.3, 4 F Lois (Bel) Micsubishi Cans-ma GT +1min 07 1, 5 T Makinen (Fin) Mitsubishi Lancer EV5 + 1.29 1; 6 B Thiry

DR MARTENS LEAGUE Midland Divi-sion (7.30): Pager Rangers v Člevedon Town: Sothull Boro v RC War wick, ARNOTT INSURRANCE NORTH LEAGUE First Division (7.30): Bedlington Terrers v Stockton, Seaham Red Star v South Shields; Shildon v Consett

#### CRICKET

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PPP HEALTHCARE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (First day of four):
Southampton: Hampshare v Kent. Hone:
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Yorkshire v Gloucestershire, (Second
day of Fourt) Derbyt Derbytshire v day of foor): Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan. Leiesster: Leiesstershire v Ottinglamshire. Lord'st Middless v Lan-cashire. Wiorcester: Worrestershire v Surrey. (Taird day of four): Edgbaston: Warvidchshire v Somerset. UniVerSity MATCH: Femer's (First day of three; 11.30) Cambridge University v Essex.

#### RUGBY UNION 7.30 unless stated ALLIED DUNBAR Newcastle v Richmond West Hartlepool v Harlegums

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION PLAY-OFF GROUP A Neach v Lianelli (7.15) GROUP B Aberavon v Caerphilly (7 0) Bridgend v Newpoir (7 15) FIRST DIVISION
UWIC (Cardit Inst) v Tredegar (7 0) ANGLO-WELSH FRIENDLY

#### OTHER SPORTS SNOOKER: Embassy World Championship (of the Crucible Shotheld)

(Bel) Subaru +2:06.1: 7 A Schwarz (Ger) Skoda Octavia WRC +2:14.9: 8 J Kankkunen (Fin) Subaru Impreza WRC +2:21.9.9 P Burns (GB) Subaru Impreza +2:30.41. 10 A Lopes (Port) Peugeot 2:37.2. SNOOKER EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Crudble Theatre, Sheffield) First round: J Wattara (Thai) bt M Fu (Hk) 10-8; M king (Eng) bt D Morgan (Mai) 10-8; J Perry (Eng) leads S Davis (Eng) 7-2.

WISPA WORLD GRAND PRIX (Hurghada, Eg) Flaal: M Martin (Aus) bit C Owens (Aus) 9-4 9-7 2-9 9-4. 3rd-place play-off: C Jackman (Eng) bit N Grainger (SA) 9-3 9-2 9-6.

TENNIS

MONTE CARLO MEN'S OPEN Singles, first round: F Mantilla (50) bt F Squillar (Arg) 6-2 6-4. J Novak (Cz Rep) bt M Rosset (Swit) 6-3 7-5: h Alarm (Mor) bt Schalken (Nem) 6-3 6-2; G Kuerten (Br) bt M Carlsson (Br) 6-1 6-3; A Costa bt M Zabaeta (Arg) 6-3 6-4. J Van Lottum (Nem) bt J Siemenni (Neth) 5-7 6-1 6-4; N Lapento (Ec) bt A Gaudenz (Id) 6-1 7-6: T Enqvist (Swe) bt D Hrbary (Slovak) 7-5 6-7 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt D Vacek (Cz Rep) 6-1 6-0; I Ljubioc (Croa) bt A Mechedev (Ukr) 5-7 6-0 6-1; T Muster (Aut) bt T Johansson (Swe) 6-3 6-4; D Pescaru (Rom) bt S Dosedel (Cz Rep) 6-2 6-1 R Delgado (Par) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 7-6 0-6 6-4; S Grosjean (Fr) bt S Prieto (Arg) 6-0 6-4. Second round: V Spadea (US) bt X Kucera (Slovak) 6-4 6-3; M Ros (Chile) bt A Pavel Second round: V Spades (US) bt X Kucera (Storak) 6-46-3: M Ros (Chile) bt A Pavel (Rom) 0-56-47-6: F Meligem (Rr) bt T Henman (GB) 6-76-47-5; J Golmard (Fr) w/o B Becker (Ger). ERA REAL ESTATE MEN'S CLAY

COURT CHAMPIONEMIP Lake Buena Vista, Fia): Singles, first round: Sargsian (Ami) to J-M Gambil (US) 3-6-6-3 7-6-6 Pozz (It) br M Larsson (Swe) 3-6 6-3 6-4: Costa (Sp) bt L Telman (It) 6-3 6-0. C Ruud (Nor) br A Calarrava (Sp) 6-6

7-6.3 F-0.23 (it) of M Laisson (Serie) 5-3 6-3. C Costa (Sp) bt L Taelman (IT) 6-3 6-0. C Ruud (Nor) bt A Calarrava (Sp) 6-4 6-2. I Stotenberg (Laws) bt I Gamelstoo (US) 6-0 6-7 6-4; G Blanco (Sp) bt A O'Brien (US) 7-5 6-3; L Hewiltt (Aus) bt M Rodriguez (Arg) 6-3 6-4.

BUDAPEST LOTTO WOMEN'S OPEN Singles, first round: R Kutl-Kis (Hung) bt S Farma (It) 2-6 6-2 6-3; A Hopman's (Neth) bt V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) 6-2 6-4; A Foeldenyi (Hung) bt M A Sanchez-Lorenzo (Sp) 6-2 5-7 7-5; B Schwarzz (Ger) bt S Nacuk (Nug) 3-6 6-2 6-3; L Neneckova (Cz Rep) bt S Dopfer (Aut) 6-4 4-6 6-3; P Mandara (Hung) by J Abe (Ger) 6-2 4-6 6-2. J Needly (Can) bt M Sucha (Slovak) 4-6 6-3 6-4, J Nandara (Ger) bt K Studentikova (Slovak) 4-6 6-4 6-2; E Martincova (Cz Rep) bt N Straczy (Pol) 6-1 3-6 6-3.

WITA TOUR RANKUNGS: 1 M Hingis (Swit) 5763 00000; 2 L Dawenport (US) 5098 0000, 3 M Seles (US) 4033.0000; 4J Novotna (Cz Rep) 3885.0000. 5 S Graf (Ger) 3079 0000. 6 V William's (US) 2990.0000; 7 A Sanchez-Vicario (Sp) 2847 0000. 8 M Pierce (Fr) 2092.0000; 9 5 William's (US) 2080.0000: 10 P Schnyder (Swit) 2072.0000; 11 N Tauzar (Fr) 2050.0000. 12 S Testud (Fr) 1994 0000. 13 A Kournikova (Rus) 1947 0000: 14 A Mauresmo (Fr) 1899 0000. 15 D Van Roost (Bel) 1616 0000. 17 N Zvereva (Bels) 1670 0000: 18 C Martinez (Sp) 1625 0000. 19 B Schett (Aut) 1593.0000. 20 15 Smith (GB) 4-21 0000

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# European Cup semi-final: Ferguson frames new strategy to contain Zidane as spotlight falls on Yorke and Cole United forced to alter tactics

FOR THE first time this season Manchester United are going into a match they probably need to win with defence on their minds. That, in itself, is an indication of the scale of their task in the second leg of their Euro-pean Cup semi-final against Juventus tonight.

They arrived in Turin yesterday thinking as much about Zinedine Zidane, who engineered Juventus' 1-1 draw at Old Trafford a fortnight ago, as about Ryan Giggs whose ankle injury is likely to prevent him from starting.

The logic is obvious to anyone who saw Zidane pull United apart at Old Trafford but it also stems from United's confidence. after scoring three goals in Barcelona, two in Munich and one in Milan, that they will score at least once in the Stadio Delle Alpi. If they also managed to stop Juventus scoring that would be enough to put United through to the Barcelona final on 26 May. If Juventus matched them for goals United would, at worst, have to face penalties. A scoring draw higher than 1-1 would put United through.

This philosophy does depend, however, on either Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole returning to form, or goals from a midfield which may have its hands full dealing with

Zidane and Edgar Davids. Cole and Yorke were in bullish mood yesterday but neither have scored for more than a month, having played 18 hours and 44 minutes between them since their last goals.

BY GLENN MOORE

"I don't like it when people go on about how long I have gone without scoring," Cole said. "It is nonsense to say Dwight and I have dried up, this happens to everyone. As long as we are contributing to the team, that is what matters."

Yorke, who has personally gone 632 minutes without a goal, added: "The first match with Juventus was my worst game since coming to United but now I have another

So do the midfield against their Old Trafford tormentors. Roy Keane, the United captain, said: "They won't get as much space as they did at Old Trafford." Alex Ferguson spoke with uncharacteristic circumspection, as the team checked into their airport hotel. He said: "We have certain tactics to counter the Zidane thing, I

These, despite this week's assertion by Gianni Agnelli, the Juventus patriarch, that Zidane is dominated by his wife, are clearly more concrete than hoping he has had to stay at home to do the ironing.

Keane elaborated as much as he dared. "I believe tactically we got it slightly wrong at Old Trafford. We were never sure whether the centre-halves were going to pick up Zidane (who played just behind Filippo Inzaghi] so obviously we are going to chat about that. They may have to step out [to pick



Ryan Giggs, sitting out as Manchester United train at Stadio Delle Alpi yesterday, will learn this morning if his ankle injury will keep him out of tonight's game

The likelihood is that Ronny and the longing for the trophy Johnsen will be told to keep an grows by the year. eye on Zidane and Nicky Butt will replace Paul Scholes in the central midfield to provide a deeper presence. With Giggs struggling to shake off an ankle injury Scholes may find himself on the left, although Jesper Blomqvist may be preferred to give the team better balance. Should the tie begin drifting away. Ferguson is sure to gam-

ble by throwing on Giggs. Teddy Sheringham may also have a part to play for if United will not go out do go out, they

Zidane up] though the way will not fall without a fight. This Zidane moves about, it is is their second Champions' Cup semi-final in three seasons

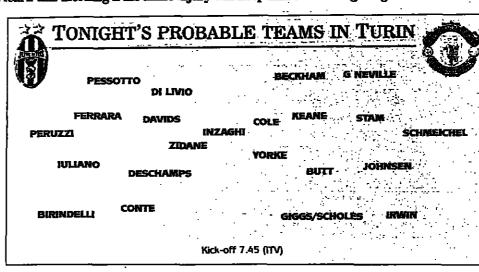
> You can tell it is the business end of the season when even the businessmen are excited and, while many of the faithful believe Martin Edwards is more interested in balance sheets than scoresheets, United's chairman was clearly motivated by the prospect of glory rather than riches vesterday.

He said: "People say Manchester United is a great club and it is, but it is about time we put something on the table to

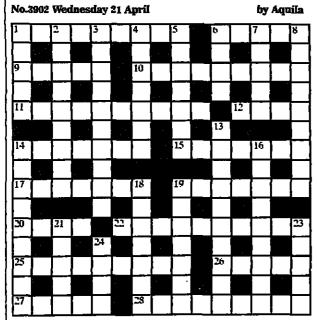
won the European Cup and that is a long time."

One of the members of the winning United team, Sir Bobby Charlton, likened the match to vived in Madrid on their way to their triumph. "I remember we were 3-2 down on aggregate at half-time and it looked all over. The Real Madrid fans were euphoric and their players had a degree of arrogance," he said. "But we worked hard and got the two goals we needed. The current team have that spirit,

they are a brave team." That courage, mental as much as physical, will be prove it. It is 31 years since we required tonight.



#### THE WEDNESDAY CROSSWORD



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> "When you pick the 22 best players in England you should have him in, and I would have but for the fact that he's injured and he's not even an option. But Robbie is young and he has got

# Fowler would have played, says Keegan

against Leicester tonight could

people but I hope they will

draw lessons from them.

KEVIN KEEGAN said yesterday BY MATT BARLOW that he will name the strongest possible England squad for next week's friendly in Hungary - and that Robbie Fowler would have started the match if he had been fit.

Premiership managers have been quick to criticise the timing of the game, but Keegan said he will have no qualms about selecting Manchester United and Arsenal players.

"I will pick as good a squad as I can under the circumstances and I hope everybody is fit and available," he said. "There will be Manchester United and Arsenal players in the squad. If there weren't then it wouldn't be an England squad worthy of the name.

Fowler's broken nose, which he is due to have reset in hospital on Friday, will keep him out of the game, but Keegan said he would otherwise have played. Keegan was speaking after

the launch of the Coca-Cola mini football scheme at Wembley yesterday.

"Robbie would have been selected," Keegan said. "But he has an operation on Friday and he won't be fit. It would have given him a boost just when he needed it. Sometimes in life you get a blow, and then something else happens - and just when you think it can't get any worse something else happens again.

plenty more opportunities.

"They start with a clean sheet, as Robbie will next sea-Fowler's manager at Lliver-pool, Gerard Houllier, suggestson. Being a top player comes with some duties and responsibilities, and he has to live with ed vesterday that the player's future at Anfield may be in the that. He's a Liverpool player, he's a Liverpool boy. He's a Houllier, usually the epitome good lad but he's made some

of diplomacy, has clearly been disturbed by Fowler's recent mistakes. He's acknowledged that and he's been punished for behaviour, including his confrontation with Graeme Le Saux Fowler could have started in and his celebrations in front of Budapest in the absence of the Everton fans when he mimicked injured Owen and Chris Sutton. snorting cocaine. but Houllier explained: "He will "The coming weeks will be go for an operation to have his important for him and his nose re-set. It will take anothcareer," said Houllier, who er two or three days before he

give Sean Dundee his first start him out of the national team for the club alongside Karlheinz Riedle in the absence of "It's a blow for him, it's a blow Fowler and Michael Owen, who for the club, it's a blow for the nahas a hamstring injury. "As a tional team. After Friday we manager you have to deal with will know how long it will take for him to start training again but I all sorts of situations. There are don't think he will be able to play many coming at the same time and sometimes with the same next week."

Houllier continued: "Sometimes you have to accept that things don't go right and you probably have to draw some lessons from that and go through some damage to build up again. We're in a very constructive process,"

On a more pleasant note for Houllier, Sunderland will have an early test of their Premiership credentials when they face Liverpool in a match to mark the 100th Football League championship season. The First Division winners will play the Premiership side, who have won the League a record 18 times, on 18 May at the Wearsiders' Stadium of



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# THE FRANKENSTEIN EFFECT

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#### THE BUSINESS WORLD

# Forget the big fish and hook up to new ideas

BRANDS, BRANDS, brands – globalisation requires global brands, and insofar as the marketing experts agree about anything it is that the Internet revolution is going to increase the power of global brands still further. Look, for example, at book retailer, Amazon.com, has built a global network, or the way in which three or four search engines have become global names.

Most of us probably regret and resent the process. It seems absurd that we should pay a premium for what is often no more than a name and some cute advertising. But if global brands are indeed going to continue to become more powerful, anyone who does not own one is faced with a grinding problem. How do you combat this "winnertake-all" effect? How do the little fish eat the big ones for a change?

I'm grateful for some ideas from a timely book - Eating the Big Fish by adman Adam Morgan, just published by John Wiley & Sons. The core of his argument is that if you are a second or third-ranker you cannot just imitate the first-rank

brands. To do so is to play by the nancial services, as Branson has leader's rules, with less money. You have to change the rules.

But how? Morgan outlines eight principles that challengers might follow, starting with the idea of using inexperience positively and the way in which a single brand of ending with the (equally radical) notion of learning to run an unstable company. To many people this might seem like typical ad agencyspeak - clever ideas but hard to apply in practice - and in a way it is. But the examples he gives show how some of the world's most successful businesses have achieved their success by turning potential weaknesses into strengths.

Some examples may make this clearer. Richard Branson knew nothing about airlines when he founded Virgin Atlantic. If you were trying to find the least suitable background for running an airline I think you would be hard put to beat pop music. You don't want your pilots high on substances and the cabin crew trashing their hotel rooms. Come to think of it, running an airline must be about the world's worst background for entering fi-

done. In America half the airlines seem to be in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, while in Europe they are being bailed out by governments - not ideal for asking people to entrust their savings with you.

Yet Branson managed to reinvent air-travel, partly by offering first-class space at business-class prices, and partly by making economy travel fun (well, sort of). He turned his lack of experience into a strength.

At the other end of the list comes the "flying unstable" idea. Large companies are organised in such a way as to be stable, or at least they try to be. So they hire people who fit in with the established culture and they have a planning structure which seeks to avoid serious mistakes. But unstable companies hire risk-takers and don't plan much - but respond with the speed of light to market signals. Managing the latter is much harder because you also need to identify dangers, and cope with them before they become serious. But if you are coming



**HAMISH MCRAE** 

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clever ideas, hard to apply in practice. But it shows how many successful companies have managed to turn their weaknesses into new strengths

from behind you have little option but to do this.

Anyone with experience of watching businesses thrive and fail will have to acknowledge a certain reservation about this gung-ho, take-no-prisoners line of approach. I remember being told by a top American telephone executive a couple of years ago that there were two types of companies: those that adapted to the world and those that changed the world. She saw their company as one of the latter I was less than popular when I replied that a US phone company, however big, was not going to have much impact on the big forces that would shape the world - like demographic change or the development of the European Union. I noticed a little item in the FT a couple of weeks ago, saying that she had resigned fol-

ny's performance. A further criticism is that being a brilliant brander does not ensure corporate success if the underlying position of the company is too weak, Adam Morgan cites Nissan

indeed do very well in the US. But the company as a whole is in such a catastrophic debt position that it has just had to sell a large stake to Renault. That liaison, incidentally, must top the league for "odd couples" and I suspect will eventually

become a divorce. But the core idea that a challenger company has to use positively the fact that is it coming from behind must be right. The Internet in particular seems to me to be changing the rules of marketing in ways which we are only beginning to glimpse, but which can be summed up in the idea that speed has become more important than size. (There is an example of this "speed instead of size" principle with Morgan's book. If you cannot be bothered to read it, you can get its 10 main points from its website,

eathigfish@aol.com.) lowing a downturn in the compa-Looking 10 years ahead, the big question surely is whether internetrelated technologies reduce the entry cost into new businesses, or whether they simply give a firstmover (like Amazon.com) an abil-

as a marketing success, and it did ity to create a new global brand very swiftly. If they fundamentally and lastingly cut entry costs, it will become easier for anyone with a good idea to challenge the leaders. It will not be so much a question of eating the big fish. You will not really know who the big fish are: they may simply be small fish that happen to be very close to the viewer. Anyone can become a big fish providing he or she uses the new communications opportunities.

If this is right, then there will indeed continue to be global brands, but there will also be global niche brands. Anyone producing a really great product or service in a very specialised area will be able to get that product or service into a high proportion of the potential market. The premium will be on knowledge of the specialist area.

For small and medium-sized businesses this is wonderful news. It will not be a question of challenging the global leaders. What they have to do is to become true experts in their particular corner and they can become a niche global brand for themselves.

#### **DATELINE: TOKYO**

# Japan feels shame of cutting back

FOR SOME Japanese executives the thought of taking early retirement is an unbearable humiliation. It pushed Masaharu Nonaka, a 58-year-old manager at Bridgestone, to suicide. still seen by many in Japan as an honourable escape from

"I will resist the cruel restructuring the company is now carrying out," Nonaka wrote in a letter to his fellow workers at Japan's largest tyre maker, Bridgestone, before his death last month.

paving attention to my family. The efforts of such employees have led to today's Bridgestone."

The Japanese have come to expect their companies to provide lifetime employment guarantees, in effect relying on a corporate welfare state. Little wonder then that firms have become bloated, allocating money and staff with little regard for shareholders.

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Now, with the country stuck in recession, these companies find they need heavy cutbacks and a wave of changes appears to be sweeping Japanese boardrooms.

More than 100 firms have pledged in recent weeks to turn their fortunes around through risutora, or restructuring. Their proposals mean spinning off loss-making operations, cutting capital spending and, most painfully, axing thousands of jobs. "Over the last eight months, and for the first time in the 1990s, Japan has begun to adopt policies which go in the right direction," says Kenneth Courtis, chief economist at Deutsche Bank Group Asia Pacific. "The country's BY PAUL LEE

corporate sector has begun to take the hard decisions to reposition and restructure." Foreign investors, enticed

by the promise of improved earnings, poured money into Tokyo's stock market, pushing the Nikkei index up 22 per cent this year. Four industrial giants. Sony, NEC, Hitachi and Mitsubishi Electric, have pledged to cut 53,000 jobs over the next four years. Japan's top 15 banks have promised to cut another these banks will survive the next four years.

At Bridgestone more than 3,000 jobs have already gone. After starting reforms earlier than many, Bridgestone has profits at a record level.

As Japan's worst postwar recession drags on, with no sign of a revival in private demand, companies are finally acknowledging the need to cut back and regroup. The rising tide of bankrupt-

cies has reminded executives of the price of delaying tough decisions. More than 1.200 firms went bankrupt in Japan last month alone and the US ratings agency Standard and Poor's warns more will follow. In the past 18 months, since the collapse of the brokerage Yamaichi Securities came close to triggering a financial panic, the business environment has changed. Japan's keiretsu, powerful business conglomerates, are breaking down, and banks, desperate to cut loan portfolios, are offering less help to their traditional allies.

Companies are also officading troubled operations. So

reform plan in March, will close 15 of its 70 plants worldwide in the next four years. The electronics giant will absorb three affiliates and base its core business around its lucrative PlayStation game console.

Nippon Steel, the world's biggest steelmaker, is ending its six-year flirtation with microchip production, giving up its Japan operations and handing control of its stake in a Singapore venture to a rival.

Japanese steel firms have been hard hit by complaints of "Since joining Bridgestone I 20,000 staff, and that figure dumping from US steel mills year, GE Capital spent 800bn have worked for my company may rise even higher since and are being forced to wipe off inevitable that in steel industry consolidation we would need to scrap excess capacity," says Akira Chihaya, Nippon Steel's president. His firm is the only Jananese steelmaker expecting

profits in fiscal year just ended. At Nikko Securities, Japan's number three brokerage, executives have sought refuge by selling a 25 per cent stake in the firm to the US banking giant Citigroup.

The 220bn yen (£1.2bn) deal, signed last June, was a rude shock for Nikko's top shareholder and erstwhile ally Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi and signalled a breakdown in longstanding business ties. Nikko has since decided to liquidate a troubled real estate affiliate and close offices across Asia.

The Japanese authorities have hailed the moves. recognising the need for change. Newspaper editorials tell readers to be more independent in their career plans. "In such a world it is impossible to draw up a lifetime plan based on success in one company entrance examination," the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper said.

As risutora encourages Sony, which unveiled a drastic

companies to spin off sideline businesses so others are stepping in to pick up the pieces. Britain's 3i Group, Europe's top venture capital firm, is to set up a joint venture with the Industrial Bank of Japan to offer management buy-out advice in Japan. Their firm will start with a 20bn yen (£180m) investment fund.

Others have already started buying, notably GE Capital, the finance arm of the US industrial giant General Electric. In its latest purchase, in January this yen (£4.4bn) buying a leasing once run by the Long-T Credit Bank, which collapsed in

Yet although there are new opportunities it is by no means certain this wave of restructuring, or the sudden stock boom it has encouraged, herald an imminent recovery in Japan. "The actual restructuring plans investors have been enthusiastic about are still pretty limited." said Peter Morgan, economist at HSBC Securities in Tokyo.

After all, there was a similar burst of restructuring earlier this decade, when the yen climbed to record highs against the dollar, but that did little to break Japan out of its post-1980s slump.

This time economic conditions are considerably worse. and troubles are being felt across Japan's principal market, Asia. "The risk is that most firms

are still closely tied to the old ways and remain reluctant to change," said Ron Bevacqua. senior economist at Merrill Lynch in Tokyo. The market has focused

on a few substantive restructuring announcements and



The despair of Shohei Nozawa, the president of Yamaichi Securities who wept after his brokerage closed down in November 1997, has since been repeated at all levels of Japanese business

impact that restructuring announcements have on their share price, even if the contents of the plan are not as bold as those which have captured the

job losses seem impressive,

headlines ' Though announcements of

other Japanese firms seem to they represent little more than the world's second largest have discovered the positive early retirement programmes and a cutback on graduate recruitment.

> Few firms, particularly among the large corporations, are prepared to face the social opprobrium of making staff re-

Already unemployment in

economy is at its worst level since the war, and officials warn that the current 4.6 per cent job-

less rate can only worsen. In the central bank's latest Tankan business survey companies across industry warned of a heavy cutback in invest-

"Japan's decade-long problems of stagnant demand, a weak financial system and massive bad loans will continue." Standard and Poor's said in a recent report.

Shizuo Kambayashi/AP

Change may be reaching Japan's boardrooms but many warn it is still not enough to restore the nation's fortunes.

#### WEEKLY DIGEST OF THE WORLD'S FINANCIAL PRESS







Two-thirds of Britain's economists

THE ALLURE was almost irre-On the standard tests, which look at standard theories. Others said that Zero is outsourcing its network to | ternational investment. Another among European producers that would come from greater transparency in pricing.



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#### BUSINESS WEEK

Hou no-fee Internet service providers may now be getting it right in the United States

sistible: "Free Internet access for life." the ads promised. What they didn't say was that this meant "free for the life of the company". Free Internet service providers such as BOSnet, USFreeway and CyberFreeway have folded, leaving tens of thousands of Americans with useless e-mail addresses. But a couple of new companies are trying again - and this time they may get it right. Unlike in earlier tries, Net-Level 3, AGIS and GTE, saving millions on infrastructure costs. And it isn't charging a start-up fee, making

the service virtually risk-free. - Larry Armstrong California

#### THE ECONOMIST

polled said that they were in favour of joining the euro

WE, AT any rate, were a bit surprised. factors such as trade and the crossborder mobility of labour, the answer is no. To conclude that Britain and the euro zone should merge their currencies, you need to deploy other arguments. A few emphasised the benefits of exchange rate stability greater now than allowed for in a non-euro Britain would be at a disadvantage in the competition for intheme was the spur to competition

- Editorial

FAR EAST REVIEW On Hong Kong tycoon Dickson Poon's restructuring of his Dickson Concepts International Group

DICKSON POON has made shareholders an offer he hope they won't refuse. Under the plan DCI would sell its non-Asian assets - majority stakes in London department store Harvey Nichols and luxury-goods maker ST Dupont - to Poon's private company for \$195m (£122m). In return shareholders would receive a special cash dividend. They could keep their shares in the scaleddown DCI, or sell them to Poon. That would give them a 42 per cent premium on the price of DCI shares be-

fore the deal. Sounds generous?

Yes, especially to Poon. Critics say

it would give him top-notch assets for

bargain-basement prices.

#### THE WASHINGTON POST

On China's moves to open its markets in return for membership of the World Trade Organisation

IN THE past few weeks, China has made a series of bold commitments to US negotiators. Those commitments would move China's economy to a rules-based system and end most forms of state control within roughly five years. A few critical issues remain, but we are on the verge of an agreement that could yield revolutionary change in China. What must the US give away? Nothing. The only act necessary on our part is passage of legislation making normal trade relations with China permanent. Such legislation would also put an end to another sterile debate - that on annual renewal of

China's normal trade status.

- William V Roth Jnr

#### FINANCIAL TIMES

On the prospects for Compay, US computer-maker, after it ousted its chief executive Eckhard Pfeiffer

BEN ROSEN, Compaq's chairman, clearly hopes a change will revive Compaq's fortunes. It won't; not by itself. Compaq's fundamental dilemma is strategic. It is transforming itself from an assembler to a service and solutions provider. But it's been caught half way by plummeting prices in its original PC business. Compaq's response, to adopt a hybrid of part-direct, part-indirect sales, has angered established distributors without lowering costs. Since PCs are becoming commodities, Compaq has no choice but to grind on with its transition. It now owns most of the relevant pieces but knitting them together will take time.

#### BARRON'S

On how Wall Street investors are buying cyclical stocks such as farm equipment and coppers

ALONG WITH Kosovo, last week's big news was Wall Street's stunning rediscovery of the 99 per cent of the market that isn't hi-tech or Web or even big-cap. Is the emergence of cyclicals a fluke? We think not, instead, we envision that last week's action will turn out to be a precursor, that the show of interest in the out-of-favour masses of stocks will expand and deepen and extend itself. What we're postulating, in short, is that this most unusual bull market will end, ironically, in a most usual way - with every sector getting its dutiful spin and with small-caps, at long last, enjoying an explosive burst of speculation.

#### FORTUNE

On whether BNP's hastile bid for two rival banks heralds Anglo-Saxon capitalism in France

IT IS easy to ridicule a country that has so many demonstrations in its capital each day that they're listed in the newspapers. But France is clearly doing something right: its 3.2 per cent GDP growth last year outpaced every G7 nation except the US, and inflation was below 1 per cent. But it's not clear what the lasting effects of France's March madness will be. The mega-merger proposed by BNP would not be accompanied by layoffs or any other measures usually required to make a merger pay off. So as Paris tries to be Wall Street on the Seine, the French should remember that there's more to succeeding in the global economy that spending money. - Anne Faircloth, Paris

#### Cover Story







Monsanto chief Robert Shapiro (above) often seems baffled and hurt by protests, such as those by Greenpeace (above) directed against the firm's genetically modified seed products

# The monster within

executive of Monsanto. His ision of transforming the once faceless chemicals combine into a modern "life sciences" powerhouse that will exploit advances in biotechnology to increase crop yields and fill dinner bowls worldwide seems to be roughly on target. And yet when shareholders converge on the company headquarters in St Louis, Missouri, for its AGM on Friday he will have much explaining to do.

The past 12 months have not been kind. to Monsanto. The worst came last October when a much-touted merger with rival American Home Products of New Jersey foundered, apparently because of unbridgeable differences of view between the management teams of the two prospective partners. The deal's collapse sent Monsanto shares into a tailspin from which they have yet fully to recover. Earnings in 1998, meanwhile, slumped 28 per cent. Shapiro will also be asked about continuing speculation that an alternative marriage could be in the offing, this time with chemicals leviathan DuPont.

Shapiro, 60, is unlikely, moreover, to escape questions about the incident in a San Francisco hotel last autumn, when, after addressing a convention, he had an untimely encounter with a cream pie, which caught him square in the face. Of greater concern to shareholders, however, is the fact that Monsanto has earned itself the image of Public Enemy Number One, if not in the US, then in a myriad of other countries, including Britain. Answers may not be forthcoming. By all

the evidence, Monsanto is entirely baffled, hurt even, by the groundswell of protests that have been directed against it. All, of course, have to do with the leading role that Monsanto has taken in developing and selling – with notable success – genetically engineered seed products to the agricultural industry. In so doing, however, Monsanto has set itself up as the prime target for the growing movement against GM (genetically modified) foods. And, so far, the company has failed effectively to counter the opposition. Its efforts have included, for instance, the launching late last year of an estimated \$5m (£3m) PR and advertising campaign in Britain that was meant to promote genetically modified foods as safe and beneficial to consumers and the environment, and to dispel the fears fanned by groups such as Greenpeace. "Greenpeace and so on are doing a much better job than we are," company president Hendrik Verfaillie recently conceded.

The concerns the environmentalists have raised are both scientific and emotional: what will be nature's wrath for tampering with its genetic codes? Will pollens from genetically engineered plants, for instance, waft across to other plants, wreaking unforeseen changes in their make-up? Will Monsanto seeds spawn triffid-like superweeds?

Earlier this year, anti-Monsanto agitators dumped four tonnes of soybeans outside 10

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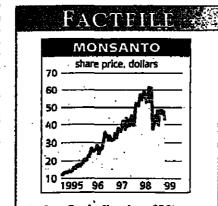
onsanto survived its association with Agent Orange and chemical warfare in Vietnam. It was Leven forgiven for foisting Astrotruf and Nutrasweet upon the world. But when Robert Shapiro chose to apply the science of genetics to improving crops, his

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company became demonised as the dark force behind 'Frankenstein Foods'. On Friday he faces his shareholders at the AGM. Can he convince them he can put the lid back on this can of genetically modified worms?

Downing Street. In India, in "Operation Cre- From its food division came perhaps its mation Monsanto", protesters have systematically burnt fields planted with genetically modified Monsanto seeds. And across the European Union, rhetoric from environmental groups such as Greenpeace about so-called "Frankenstein Foods" is stirring important political opposition to imports from America of any foods derived from genetically engineered crops.

It is a PR nightmare that no one back in St Louis saw coming. Founded in 1901 by a St Louis chemicals company executive named John Queeny (Monsanto was his wife's maiden name), Monsanto was for decades associated only with chemicals. It first found popular fame - or infamy with the savage defoliant used by the US military in Vietnam, Agent Orange. Monsanto also invented Astroturf, the synthetic green stuff that masquerades as grass in indoor sports arenas around the world.



Market Capitalisation: \$29bn (£17bn) (1998) Net Revenue: \$9bn (1998) Net Income: \$250m Headquarters: St Louis, Missouri Dress Code: Casual Number Of Employees: 28.500 Robert Shapiro's Pay (1998): \$800,000

most famous product of all, the artificial sweetener, NutraSweet.

It was in 1981, that Monsanto first began to dedicate funds to exploring the potential of biotech and molecular genetics. The purpose was to see whether useful attributes. like resistance to pests or types of herbicides, could be stitched on to plant types through gene splicing. By the mid-1990s, with Shapiro newly at the helm and the research beginning to produce exciting results, Monsanto had decided that biotech would be its future and the chemical components were gradually sold off.

The "life sciences" label that Monsanto attaches to itself today is meant to denote the converging of four formerly distinct industries: food, agriculture, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology. The company's \$9bn (£5.4bn) in annual revenues are now divided three ways. About half are generated by the agriculture division, with Monsanto's long-serving herbicide Roundup acting as a reliable and hugely generous cash cow; about 30 per cent flows from its pharmaceuticals, with products that include Ambien, Arthrotec and, more recently, the hugely promising pain-killer, Celebrex: foods, meanwhile, provide the last 20 per cent.

For Shapiro, at least, there is painful irony in the bogeyman status that Monsanto seems to have earned itself. The company's success in biotech research was meant precisely to win friends among those concerned with the environment. Monsanto sees genetic engineering as the best hope for saving Earth from ecological disaster rather of crops that produce magically higher vields, adapt to unkind soil conditions, resist herbicides and pests, Monsanto will enin developing nations, to redouble their output. As the population of Earth climbs, more mouths will be fed, the argument goes, while less topsoil is polluted and eroded away.

Thus, Monsanto's corporate mantras are "Food-Health-Hope" and "Doing Well by Doing Good". The first breakthrough for Monsanto came with sovbean seeds that were so-called Roundup Ready. Eagerly adopted by the US farm industry, these seeds allow farmers to give their fields one heavy douse of Roundup when the soy plants are seedlings. Because of the genetic fiddling that has happened in the plants, they will not be hurt by the spray while all weeds around them will wither. This means fewer doses of the herbicide and often means there is no need even to till the soil, offering obvious ecological advantages and potential savings of \$1bn (£600m) a year for US farmers. Since then, the company has come up with Roundup Ready cotton and corn, as well as cotton that is resistant to pests. Other products in development include a seed that will produce coloured cotton, doing away with the need to use chemical dyes. Monsanto also produces a hormone that boosts milk production in cows.

'We all know the effects of starvation," Shapiro wrote in this month's Futurist. "How can we double or triple food output in a sustainable manner without destroying large parts of the living systems and soil on which we depend? We don't have 100 years to figure this out; at best, we have decades. In that time frame, I know of only two viable candidates: biotechnology and information technology".

And while Monsanto is often depicted, anyone abroad especially, as the modern-day version of an American imperialist machine than the other way around. The logic bent on seizing control of farm production and it emseems reasonable: by inventing new strains on every continent and playing God in nature's food chain, the culture that Shapiro has established in St Louis is of a different flavour altogether. Indeed, Shapiro, who able producers around the world, including has been CEO since 1995, is frequently accused of attempting a flaky, almost New Age style of management. He likes to be addressed as "Bob", rarely wears suit or suing

cy in the ranks. He urged the creation, for example, of a website that encourages emplovees to write in whatever grouses they have about company policy without the requirement of adding their names.

Most famously, Shapiro introduced his socalled "two-in-a-box" management model. After his arrival, all executive suites were knocked down in St Louis. Instead, directors of the various company divisions must work in cubicles like everyone else. Moreover, they are coupled into pairs, where one member will provide scientific brains and the other the non-scientific expertise, for instance in marketing or PR. This quirky style of running the company was cited as one of the reasons that the buttoned-down American

initially agreeing to merge with Monsanto In various ways, however, Monsanto has not helped itself. It demands that farmers using its modified seeds resist the temptation to recycle from their crops for planting the next year. That, according to Monsanto, would be in breach of its

Home Products took fright after

patents. Indeed, the company asks farmers to snitch on each other if they see breaking the rule, ploys detectives to possible cases of re-seeding. It is not shy

about pur-This picture (and front page): Protesting tie and is fiercely committed to democratransgres- against so-called Frankenstein Foods

sors in the courts. Moreover ma become associated with so-called "terminator" or "suicide" seeds, which, again through genetic manipulation, are infertile on the stalk and cannot be replanted. In truth, terminator seeds were developed by the US government in collaboration with another seed company that Monsanto is

now in the process of acquiring. No one expects serious fireworks on Friday, however, and Shapiro seems certain to keep his job. In recognition of Monsanto's difficulties, he took a 17 per cent pay cut last year. Moreover, he will tell shareholders of good reasons for the profits slowdown. One is the roughly \$8bn (£4.8bn) that he has spent on acquiring other seed companies in the US to reinforce Monsanto's market position. He will also cite the still very high costs of genetic engi-

Shapiro, meanwhile, has one trump card: the pain-killing drug, Celebrex. The drug, which is marketed through an unusual partnership with Pfizer, has taken off in spectacular fashion since it was introduced last January, prompting analysts to predict a profits turnaround for Monsanto this year and in 2000. In its first 12 weeks on the US market, Celebrex notched up 2.44 million prescriptions, putting it in the same league for a newcomer as Viagra, the potency pill developed by Pfizer. The attraction of the drug is its apparent kindness to the stomach while tackling pain, especially among arthritis sufferers.

The future for Monsanto, therefore, is a puzzle. Some believe it must still find a buyer to correct its balance book, burdened by debt that equalled a whopping 59

per cent of market capitalisation at the end of 1998. But with Roudup and Celebrex, it seems to have two deep wells of easy revenue. And the outlook for its GM business, if the Shapiro analysis is correct, is still full of potential. This year about half of all cotton, soy and corn crops planted in the US will be with genetically altered seeds. Moreover, in the American market at

least, the notion of GM foods seems to have left the public unfazed. But Monsanto still has this one, not insignificant problem: persuading the folks in the rest of the world, in Europe especially,

that its genetic tamperings will not one day backfire on us, unleashing who knows what kind of punishment from an enraged Mother Nature.

#### ENTERPRISE ISSUES

# Glimpse of victory in the war on boom and bust

British economy, the Government experienced one of the higher average inflation rates in the OECD and lower than average growth. This has gone with more volatile GDP growth rates, ranging from minus 2 per cent to plus 5 per cent, and more variable inflation, ranging from 2 to 21 per cent over the past two full business cycles.

Gordon Brown's emphasis on the need for economic stability as a backdrop to improving productivity and growth. For the volatility of boom and bust has damaged businesses' ability to plan and reduced their inclination to invest. Why spend money on expensive new machinery that would help your workforce operate more efficiently if a sharp business downturn could be just over the horizon?

Some confidence in having a market for whatever good or service you are producing is essential. So stability is a motherhood and

NO MORE boom and bust for the apple pie issue - everybody pays ian default, the near-collapse of lip service to it. But the willingness has pledged. In the past Britain has of governments to do whatever is Brazilian devaluation - all have necessary to achieve it has been scarcely ruffled any of the western absent since the 1950s. Until now, Chancellor was to hand the day-today power to set interest rates to England's Monetary Policy Com- guarded optimism.

So far, in a benign internation-So it is hard to disagree with al inflationary environment, the system is working well in the sense that inflation has stayed low and stable. There is also increasing hope amongst economists that the worst of the current slowdown in growth is behind us. Not only did increases in interest rates to last June prevent the expansion inherited by the Government in 1997 from becoming a full-fledged boom, the reductions in rates since October seem to have stopped the slowdown becoming a recession.

This has happened against a turbulent backdrop in the world economy. Meltdown in Asia. Russ-

Long Term Capital Management, economies, including the UK. The perhaps. Mr Brown's first act as private sector forecasts for the economy monitored by the Treasury are seeing plenty of revithe technocrats on the Bank of sions, with gloom giving way to

Two new examples come from CSFB and Barclays Capital. Both suggest the economy has passed its low point . A "technical recession" - by which is meant two successive quarters of falling GDP has been averted. Both reports praise the MPC for responding swiftly and aggressively. There is no point at which the Bank's monetary experts can relax. Once they are sure the danger of recession has passed, they will have consider when they might need to raise the

But the CSFB report points out the remarkable stability of the economy in recent years. Inflation on the target measure has been within 1 per cent of its 2.5 per cent



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Despite world economic turmoil Gordon Brown's policy seems to be working well

thanks to the Clarke and Brown reforms of monetary policy. Yet this has not been achieved at the expense of greater volatility in output and jobs, as many observers feared. GDP and consumer spending are more stable. The volatility of short-term interest rates is close to a 30-year low.

"Rather than there being any inconsistency between the rates required to stabilise inflation and those required to stabilise growth, the same relatively stable rates have done both," says Robert Barrie, the CSFB economist.

But the Bank's achievement has not been uncontroversial. Businesses and unions in the manufacturing sector have kept up a constant strident song of complaint about the exchange

This has been the economy's buffer between stability at home and instability overseas. Exporters don't like it. They would rather have seen a stable, and preferably much lower, exchange

volatile pound as an acceptable price to pay for eliminating boom and bust in the domestic economy. Businesses differ in what sorts

of stability they would like to see economic policymakers achieve. But their preferences might not be perpetually irreconcilable. It would have been amazing if the sort of global upheavals we have seen in the past couple of years - from Asian crisis to the creation of the single currency - had not caused ups and downs in the currency. For another, the greater volatility of the pound might be a feature of the transition from one UK policy regime to another, diminishing as the credibility of the new regime is cemented. That would result in

a strong but steady pound. Another scenario is that the Government takes Britain into the euro during the next parlia-ment, which would eliminate all instability in some important bilateral exchange rates but could leave sterling more volatile against the dollar and yen. The broader

target for more than five years, rate, and do not regard a more moral is that an end to boom-andbust, if it really has occurred, will demand adjustments from businesses. Many secretly like nothing better than a boom, while complaining bitterly about the inevitable aftermath.

Low and steady inflation will take some new ways of thinking too, for there is no hiding behind general inflationary price rises any more. It has become very hard to increase prices at all. Some manufacturers are having to get used to continuous price cuts and quality improvements. Negotiations with employees have also changed character.

Some business people and union leaders will agree privately that it makes no sense to keep demanding lower interest rates. Others think the Bank has sacrificed industry unnecessarily on the altar of stability.

The critics should note that the new regime is showing every sign of achieving what it was supposed to: low inflation with stable growth

# Care homes lose battle to survive in funding crisis

FOR THE past 13 years. Kathleen McGaughey, a social worker, and her sister Frieda, a nurse, have owned and run a 16-bed residential care home in Bolton called Balgowney.

After years of struggling to make ends meet, they have decided to call it a day. Their local authority no longer has the funds to place elderly people in their care, they say. Unable to pay the upkeep or the mortgage. the sisters are selling, forcing residents to find alternative accommodation. For two ladies in their nineties, residents since the home

Balgownev is by no means the exception. Hundreds of homes, most of them small, privately owned businesses, are being forced to close this year, in what Paul Saper, of the healthcare consultants Laing & a firm Grimley have probably got 50 Buisson, describes as the annus horribilis of the care homes sector.

In theory, care homes should be a growth, even boom, industry. Britain's ageing population should be creating growing demand for residential care.

But for those unable to provide for themselves, the story is a very different one. Local authorities are cutting back at a time when costs are rising steeply because of a combination of the minimum wage, the working time directive and a national shortage of trained nurses. Figures from the Independent Healthcare Association reveal that the sector employs 550,000 staff to care for its

500,000 residents. The consensus is that at least 40 and residential homes will face serious difficulties over the next 12 months, threatening thousands of jobs and putting billions of pounds of banking loans at risk.

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Only substantial homes with minimal borrowings will survive, Mr Saper predicts. The average home size is small and the majority are mortgaged. GR Patrick, an insurance broker which insures 5,000 homes, estimates six or seven are

lapsing on insurance every month. Barry Hartley, chairman of the National Care Homes Association. savs that in one West Yorkshire authority three homes have closed in the past month and three more are at the point of going under.

By ANNA MINTON

Another indication of the state of the industry is the rapidly diminishing listed sector. Two years ago there were 16 quoted companies. Now there are four with the takeover of Westminster Healthcare likely by the end of the month.

"The City got the wrong idea about what the care home sector was about," says Mr Saper. "They costs are up 6 per cent. over-glamourised it. They didn't appreciate that once a home is full. ing less and less profit."

The only people profiting from the sector seem to be estate agents. GVA Grimley's Andrew Rodger says: "As or 60 closed or dying nursing homes on their books. For every one I sell, two new ones come on."

With the vast majority of operators owning mortgaged businesses - around 80 per cent - industry experts agree that a significant proportion of the near-£5bn of loans from clearing banks is at risk.

The crisis, which has begun to bite hard in the past few months, is the result of a combination of factors hitting owners' margins simultane-

"The outlook has deteriorated in recent months for a number of reasons," says the economist Richard Holberton, of the Royal Bank of Scotland, one of the leading lenders in the sector. "There's uncertainty per cent of Britain's 20,000 nursing about the overall volume of local au-sufferers, says that even he may thority budgets and how those funds are managed and allocated. On top of that the costs and regulation environment has become more difficult, particularly with regard to tients, won't send them here, saying wage costs."

An analysis of social services spending on the sector by Laing & Buisson reveals a decrease for this year in real terms. Although the local-government finance settlement for 1999/2000 represents a 5.8 per cent increase on the previous year, the £350m Special Transitional Grant - most of which went to the care home sector - was discontinued. The increase in local authority allocation therefore falls below the rate of inflation at just 1.2 per cent.

Then there are the additional costs faced by homes from 1 April as a result of the introduction of the minimum wage and the working time directive. The national shortage of nurses and the recent NHS pay award has further compounded the problem by forcing homes to pay more competitive rates for trained staff. Experts estimate wage costs have risen 8 per cent and agency

Experts also lay the blame on the way local authorities are managing there's no growth from it. Now that the situation. Seventy per cent of opened, the upheaval is immense. margins are being so heavily residents in the sector are referred squeezed on all sides, they're mak- - and paid for - by local authority social services departments.

Tony Shepherd, a Royal College of Nursing spokesman and chair of the Independent Sector Nurse Managers Forum, says that as the pot of money shrinks, authorities favour cheaper homes rather than quality of care when choosing where to allocate residents. It is often the newer, higher-quality homes which are in most danger of defaulting on recent loans - older ones are more likely to have paid off the bulk of the money they owe.

"Local authorities have to get as many placements as possible with insufficient money," he says. "If care is going to be determined by people undercutting each other, we're going to be in an appalling

One specialist care home owner who claims an international reputation for quality of care looking after moderate to severe Alzheimer's have to sell "I've been unable to break even for the last five months because the local authority, which is responsible for 90 per cent of our pawe're too expensive." he says.

"Instead they're sending them to homes with no experience of looking after Alzheimer's, and everybody knows what happens to a person in that situation.

"I have a loan of £1.2m from a bank which is now pressuring me. If my place goes bust, the Halifax will move in and I'll get nothing. I've got 70 people working for me and 70 people in the home. This is a picture which could be repeated a thousand times across the country."



Hundreds of nursing homes are being forced to close as local authorities cut back on costs

Chris Saville

#### MY BIGGEST MISTAKE: DUNCAN MACKECHNIE

# All they wanted was a product they could understand

Duncan MacKechnie, 48, was a not financial advice, but to make sons why it didn't dawn on me that fisherman until he joined Equitable Life in 1975. He rose to become sales and marketing manager, then joined Scottish Widows in 1992 as head of direct sales. In 1997 he became chief executive of the pensions and life had been giving prior to the Finan- itors or accountants, and we were insurance company Direct Line cial Services Act was to individuals saying: "You have got to have advice Life, which was established three who already knew about pensions:

MY BIGGEST mistake was to think that financial advice was pension products. The key thing is exactly the same way. One of the rea-

know what they are getting.

I spent 20 years at Equitable Life, and we were operating at the top end of the market. The advice we years ago and has 39,000 customers. they had identified that they had a insisted on the fact that this was need, and our company offered lowcost products. As a sales and marketing manager, I firmly believed the always required to go along with mass market could be tackled in

products dead simple so that people we needed to take a different attitude was that Equitable Life always had quite a simple product in a market where people were financially aware. Most customers were solicto deal with pensions," We really

> extremely important. At Scottish Widows our big experience when we were providing advice by telephone was that people were not so much looking for advice.



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but help. We needed a much more clear was that you have to have a basic approach. It was only when I launched a pension in January 1998

that I began to think differently. That research period was the first time I had the opportunity to attend groups and see people in the mass market who were totally and utterly as a bank account. We've been keen confused about pensions. They just didn't have a clue. When you tried to explain to them that it was uncomplicated, they were able to

counter it with lots of points. What came through loud and

product that caters for life today. came to Direct Line and we Products have to be capable of being bought over the telephone or via the Internet

We found people didn't like penalties for stopping and starting con-tributions. It needed to be as basic on the Cost, Access and Term benchmark, where the Government has set the standards which financial products need. This doesn't

cost parameters and that you are not going to be penalised. One thing clearly brought home to me was that

we couldn't get this done on our own. We spent a lot of time last year working with the No 10 Policy Unit, saying that we needed to make products much n ore simple, rather than making advice available.

The insurance industry can only do so much, and it's important that these products come in a basket of welfare products. We have to guarantee that pensions are going work in a much wider field than to perform well, but that they meet just within our industry.

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# A bitter pill to swallow

t will take some strong medicine to restore British Biotech to health. Will its recovery be aided now that it has a doctor at the helm?

BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA

THIS IS a story about hubris on a grand scale. It is also the story of those left behind to sort out the mess. At its peak, British Biotech, once the great white hope of the UK life sciences industry, had a stock market value of more than Railtrack. Armed with a portfolio of chemical compounds which management hinted might have blockbuster potential in the treatment of cancer and pancreatitis, the company was able to raise hundreds of millions of pounds from investors to fund ambitious expansion plans into a fully fledged international pharmaceuticals company.

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The remnants of this grandiose strategy are still there to be seen in the shape of Biotech's spanking new, modernistic, glass fronted headquarters on the outskirts of Oxford. In other respects, however, British Biotech is but a pale shadow of its former self, its share price shot to bits, its founders and driving spirits sacked or gone, and its products of questionable if any

What went wrong and what hope now for this one time wonder stock? British Biotech started in the late Eighties in an old warehouse as a loss-making drug research company. By the mid 1990s, it had outgrown these small beginnings to become the flagship of the burgeoning biotech sector. Its chief executive, Keith McCullagh, in a fit of grandeur he later came to regret, said his company would be the "new Glaxo" - an all-encompassing pharmaceutical giant able to discover, produce and sell its own drugs. Disaster struck shortly af-

Last year, the company sacked its head of research, Andrew Millar, after he broke the secrecy of some clinical trials and voiced his conecerns over British Biotech's drugs to shareholders. The public row set off legal action against Dr Millar, an inquiry by the London and New York stock exchanges, and even a probe by the House of Commons.

"Millargate" also caused a collapse in the company's share price. and plunged the sector into a crisis from which it has still to recover.

A boardroom clear out was inevitable. Biotech's "success", it appeared, had been largely fantasy. Its foundations were of sand - little more than the overblown hopes of investors, and more particularly. British Biotech's management. The chairman, John Raisman, retired and the chairman of the building material group RMC, Christopher Hampson, took his place. Dr Mc-Cullagh was replaced seven months ago by Elliot Goldstein, from the pharmaceutical group SmithKline

The 48-year-old Canadian has the unerviable task of resurrecting a company now on its knees.

Dr Goldstein was forced to scrap



McCullagh: Founder of British Biotech, chief executive to 1998



Millar: Head of research at **British Biotech to April 1998** 

one of British Biotech's star drugs, the anti-pancreatitis treatment Zacutex, after a series of inconclusive trials. He also had to oversee a disappointing set of results for Marimastat, the anti-cancer drug which represents British Biotech's remaining hope of becoming profitable in the medium-term.

Dr Goldstein is not daunted by the enormity of the task. "When I joined, I was really impressed by the science, but I felt that the company needed a vision and a road map," he said. "The vision which existed before got lost because of all the events, the external problems and the Millar affair. When I arrived, it had evaporated."

He plans to replace the lost vision with a radical and painful return to basics. His mantra, repeated almost obsessively, is "focus". Gone is the Dr Goldstein believes British Biotech must become a "new British Biotech": a small, but sound drug development company.

The first step is to get the clinical house in order. Dr Goldstein believes that the idea of producing drugs from the cradle of research to the grave of market launch is not viable for a company of British Biotech's size.

He will seek agreements with partners to help fund the development of its compounds. The world's top 20 pharmaceutical companies and the eight top biotechnology groups have been contacted with a view to co-funding.

The strategy is a radical departure from Dr McCullagh's grandiose ideas, but it is widely used by other biotechnology groups. Its biggest benefit is that it allows companies to cut the substantial costs of testing their compounds.

Under the present regime. drugs must undergo three sets of rigorous clinical trials before being submitted for regulatory approval. The trials last for years and can be expensive in the extreme. More importantly, only a small percentage of drugs make it to the market, leaving companies with losing compounds large costs and no rewards.

The drawback of Dr Goldstein's strategy is that if the British Biotech drugs do work, then its partner will claim a large chunk of sales revenue. But Dr Goldstein feels the new policy will help British Biotech to be more efficient and better to "focus" its resources. "Among biotechnology companies, there is a strong push, which you have to resist, to move too quickly from Phase II (of clinical trials] to the [final] Phase III. A lot of companies will take risks to get to Phase III." Working with a partner will help British Biotech to cut losses and scrap projects which are proving unpromising.

Dr Goldstein's second task is to restore the morale of the company's 300 employees. "There was a lot of worry. People were justifiably upset and concerned because they were reading a lot of things about their company. The company was portrayed as a kind of villain."

The chief executive embarked immediately on a round of breakfast meetings with employees of every rank in an effort to understand their gripes and allay their fears. He told them the company's scientific expertise was "world class, up there with the best" and tried to reassure them the bad times were over.

By all accounts, Dr Goldstein is an excellent communicator, with a genial character, and his words probably prevented an exodus of scientific expertise. But not even he could disguise the brutal news delivered to staff in March. The company decided to shrink its US

Share price, pence

1995 1996 1997



British Biotech's impressive Oxford headquarters belie the fact that the company is now a pale shadow of its former self

administrative staff, shedding 60 jobs. At the time, the group said the redundancies were another step towards a leaner British Biotech, but some of the remaining staff were alarmed by the cost-cutting drive.

But even if the drugs deliver and the scientists remain on board, the new British Biotech will be nothing without the support of investors. During its tribulations, the company committed a cardinal sin in any fund manager's eyes: it appeared to mislead investors. When Dr Millar told a couple of

shareholders that some of the stock exchange announcements on Zacutex and Marimastat were in danger of not being borne out by the tests, he broke the magic link between the company and the City that had propelled British Biotech shares to over 300p from the 42.5p of the 1992 flotation. The company

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claiming Dr Millar's assertions were unfounded sour grapes after being passed over for promotion.

However, British Biotech's protestations of innocence did little to stop the rot. The share price went into freefall and the company, which was once on the threshold of the FTSE-100, was plunged into crisis. Today, the stock is worth a mere 18.5p, a 93 per cent fall from its peak in April 1996.

To add insult to injury, British Biotech is still living on the funds raised during its love affair with the stock market. The group netted almost £240m in three fund-raising rounds between 1994 and 1996. A large chunk of the funds is still there in the shape of a £105m cash pile, helping British Biotech to continue operating even if it does not make a penny for another three years.

The two on-going investigations

Founded: in 1986 in an old carpet

warehouse in Cowley, near Oxford.

Richards, two former executives of

by Keith McCullagh and Sir Brian

the US drug company GD Searle.

Turnover in 1998: £450,000

Pre-tax loss in 1998: £42,7m

Major Product: Marimastat, an

anti-cancer compound currently in

the third and final phase of clinical

trials. Results expected over the next

Employees: 290

market regulators over the allegedly misleading statements are continuing severely to damage the company's standing and Dr Goldstein is keenly aware that he has a mountain to climb in re-establishing credibility.

On one thing Dr Goldstein is adamant. He will never fuel the market's optimistic expectations. He has already said the company is capable of getting one new compound into development per year on average for the next three or four years, but he will not be drawn on the details. "We have to get to the point where people think that what we say is fair, balanced and accurate," he said.

This will be an awesome task. Many experts believe the credibility gap between the company and the market is now so wide that the share price will remain depressed successful drug trial results.

Nick Woolf, senior analyst at BancBoston Robertson Stephens. the US bank, says: "They have to produce the data or sign a major pharmaceutical company as a partner."

The moment of truth could be around the corner. The results of several key clinical trials are to be published over the next 18 months. After the demise of Zacutex, the company is concentrating on Marimastat, an interesting, but as yet unproven, compound. The drug is part of a new class of agents. called metalloproteinase inhibitors (MMPIs) which differ from existing therapies because they attack the cancer-causing agents rather than targeting the tumour.

British Biotech's expertise in MMPIs gives it a clear edge over its rivals, and there are rumours that Smithkline Beecham is interested in partnering Marimastat. But the drug's results have been disappointing so far, and SKB, or any other partner is unlikely to come on board unless there is solid evidence that it. works. Over the next 18 months. British Biotech expects to publish the outcome of further tests, which will determine the future of the drug, and perhaps of the company. Some industry experts believe that scrapping Marimastat could spell the end of British Biotech, but Dr Goldstein's scientists are more upbeat. They say two other compounds at an earlier development stage could sustain the group even if Marimastat failed. The two drugs could be followed by aree other comp The other crucial element to re-

gaining investor confidence is a resolution of the Millar affair. The two sides have traded writs and are due to appear in court in autumn. A long public trial revisiting the

details of a case punctuated by personal rivalries, mistakes and sheer incompetence, will hardly help Biotech's case, and the company is trying to reach an out-ofcourt settlement. Dr Goldstein believes that an end to the legal wrangling is important - but not too important, and he claims the company should focus on only one thing: "Results. At the end of the day, investors want results."

THE PLAYER: REBECCA THOMAS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF JOHNSON FRY

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# Reformer demystifying fund management

Lives in Docklands, east London. Drives a Porsche Carrera. Salary In 1987 she switched to fund man-£225,000. An ardent Francophile, she spends weekends in her house in the small companies analyst. After 10 'new sales approach has been adoptsouth of France. Enjoys good food and wine. To mitigate the effects of the latter she works out four times a week. She also enjoys horse racing and collecting Art Deco furniture.

CHALLENGE: For Johnson Fry, the challenge is to grow the fund management business profitably. A challenge for the industry is to demystify financial services, says Ms Thomas. "I am quite messianic about getting women to take responsibility for their own finances," she says. She also believes that people should begin their financial planning at a young age.

agement, joining Framlington as a years with the company, Ms Thomas had become a director.

She was headhunted by Johnson management and was appointed chief executive in 1997. "I wanted to rum my own show. I have always been ambitious," says Ms Thomas. Since taking over as chief executive she has introduced sweeping changes to both the corporate culture and business activities.

STRATEGY: The focus is firmly on fund management, solely for retail investors. To that end, Johnson Fry has disposed of two businesses,

PERSONAL DETAILS: Age 36. CORPORATE BACKGROUND: non-core functions have been out-Ms Thomas trained as a barrister. sourced and staff numbers have more than halved to 80. Senior management has been changed and a ed. Product brochures aim to be as user-friendly as possible and use similar language to that used elsewhere Fry in 1996, became head of asset in the retail industry. The core business has been radically restructured in the past 12 months. "It's been incredibly enjoyable but huge-

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ly challenging," says Ms Thomas. Historically. Johnson Fry was known for its telephone-based sales of tax-driven products such as business expansion schemes. Now its products, which include unit trusts and individual savings accounts (ISAs), are marketed through a regional sales force to independent financial advisers (IFAs), "Every BY NICOLA REEVES

product we offer is designed to meet the needs of the retail investor," says Ms Thomas, As such, the fund managers adopt a risk-averse approach.

Companies are thoroughly researched before they are acquired for the funds and the shares tend to be held on average for three years. The focus is on liquidity and so in the UK the funds are primarily focused on companies with a market capitalisation in excess of £500m.

Johnson Fry has eight unit trusts. which Ms Thomas describes as "an interesting fund range", both general and specialist. It includes a telecoms fund that invests primarily in the shares of multinational telecom and telecom-related companies quoted on liquid and well-regulated stock-

markets. The aim is to provide inmedium to long term. There is an in-house team of 12 investment professionals and three external investment advisors.

This combination of in-house and third-party managers has enabled Johnson Fry to offer a broad range of funds fairly rapidly. Funds under management ended last year up 25 per cent at £1.18bn.

The funds performances have benefited from being overweight in companies such as Vodafone, Lloyds TSB and Telecom Italia. Stocks chosen tend to have strong cash generation, operate in growth markets, have a leading position within their market and have management with demonstrable track records.

A Johnson Fry interactive web-

"The aim is to make it entertain-

ing and user friendly," says Ms Thomas. It remains to be seen whether the Internet will become an important distribution channel in its own right for financial products in the UK. In the US, more than 30 per cent of retail financial business is done on-line. "As a small, forwardlooking company we must be there at the earliest opportunity," says Ms

She says that if the Internet becomes widely used by the industry, it could be "massively deflationary", because of the associated reduction in paperwork and marketing.

site has recently been established for MANAGEMENT STYLE: "Lively vestors with capital growth in the both IFAs and direct investors. It and open," says Ms Thomas. The contains information and runs a culture is open and democratic with fantasy fund manager competition. a youthful main board, and with women equally represented.

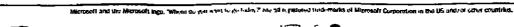
> MOST ADMIRES IN BUSINESS: "People who have done turnarounds." Ms Thomas mentions Archie Norman, chairman of Asda. and Jim Leng, chief executive of Laporte, "Managing a turnaround is quite a different skill to taking on a successful company. You need a lot of energy and drive and have got to be a pretty strong character to carry people with you," she says.

> CITY VERDICT: Johnson Fry has won a number of Micropal awards for the performance of its unit trusts and investment trusts.

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Cable twist: Eurotunnel has generated considerable excitement with the news that it is to run even more fibre optic telecoms links through its hole in the ground. Such "dry" cabling, it claims, is far more efficient than "wet" cables sitting on the seabed. So can someone explain why it costs more to telephone from Dover to Calais than from the Isle of Eigg to Hawaii?

Medic Alert: Barclays insists it has disclosed the truth and nothing but - so there can be no excuse for the continuing scepticism of many in the City for the now-you-see-him-now-youdon't drama of Michael O'Neili, whose cardiovascular system was blamed for not being up to the job. What else does Barclays insist is true? Sir Peter Middleton, acting chief executive, and the Barclays board, have ruled out selling. "I can't see the Bank of England standing by and allowing a hostile bid," sniffs a trader at Barclays Capital. Why not?

Millennium Bug Panic: Millennium bug hysteria is at fever pitch in The City where Christmas leave is being cancelled for thousands of operations staff. But the smart money is now moving to the view that the scare has been blown out of all proportion. Most computers seem to crash on a daily basis in any case.

Bank on the run: Reeling from its losses in Russia and criticism from all sides, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is trying to salvage its reputation at its annual general meeting in London. The new president. Horst Koehler has had his work cut out trying to keep delegates and shareholders pacified. As for the Russians, their government presentation consisted of one message: "We're sorry please send more money."

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Church drops BAe shares: The Church of England appears to have belatedly noticed that British Aerospace is an arms manufacturer and hence intends to sell its substantial shareholding. But there is an argument that many of the weapons built by BAe are of doubtful lethality at the best of times and hence it remains perfectly ethical to own shares. The Eurofighter, approaching £100m a copy. is the most expensive thing ever p. rchased by British taxpayers. It has been contributing to BAe profits for almost 20 years, but has never fired a shot in anger and may never do so, since it was designed to fight a

Russian air threat that no

longer exists.

# Who is the live wire of the energy industry?

Chairman & Chief Executive. PowerGen

I THINK that Ian Robinson, Chief Executive of ScottishPower, is very impressive. First and foremost he's a good businessman. His sound judgement and all-round competence have been integral to his company's success over the past few vears. In addition, he's not at all arrogant about his achievements. He's the sort of honest, open and capable man whom I believe most people would admire and respect.

Our sector is highly regulated, strategically important to the economy and always close to the top of any government's agenda. Running a company successfully, delivering value to shareholders whilst meeting your regulatory obligations, looking after your employees and playing a responsible role in the community is therefore a very challenging balancing act. During the time that Ian Robinson has been there, ScottishPower has become one of only two truly substantial independent companies in our sector that command wide respect - the other being PowerGen of course.

Bruno Lescoeur Chairman & Chief Executive, London Electricity

Although I am new to London Electricity, I have followed the energy business in this country with great interest from across the Channel. The British energy industry is never dull but it requires unrelenting determination. John Guinness, chairman of British Nuclear Fuel Limited. first impressed me in the run-up to the electricity industry's privatisa-

tion back in 1990. In particular, I remember his determination throughout the privatisation process while he was at the Department of Energy - not an easy task. He has shown great character in adapting BNFL to the changing environments in which it operates, whilst maintaining the long-term potential of the nuclear industry.

I must mention PowerGen's Ed Wallis for his determination and decisive action in making PowerGen such a force to be reckoned with. It could not have been easy building the business out of the nationalised Board. He has built an incredibly strong brand, and he is now realising the dream of running a fully integrated company.

Jim Forbes of Scottish and knowledged as one of the industry's strongest characters. The merger of Southern and Scottish Hydro, very different companies and geographically distant, was a bold and original move that has underlined Jim's consistent ambition to be an important player in the industry.

Mike Hughes Chief Executive,

Midlands Electricity

I admire a lot of people within our industry, so it is difficult to single out anyone specific. I think I'd have to nominate Ed Wallis of PowerGen though. He started from a relatively weak position and has taken the company to exactly where he said that he would. Then there's Keith Henry of National Power whom I admire even though he's getting a lot of bad press at the moment. He too



said he would, thanks to his focus or-pay" problems. I think that Roy and determination.

ScottishPower with Ian Robinson has also done well - but they have no excuse not to because they are in a part of the country where competition is less vigorous. Having said that, they've got a good company and a good man heading them up, I reckon they've got the best chance of us all of becoming a key international player.

Roy Gardner has recovered

Nick Clarke

Chief Executive. Quantum Energy Group This is a real teaser as I don't feel that there is anyone who has their head above the crowd, as it were. I do think, though, that Centrica with

is a very impressive guy who instigated their recovery from a situation that looked very bad for

Another man of energy whom I admire is John Devaney who used to head up Eastern Group but left at the end of last year and is currently trying to get a power consortium together. He was a major figure in the process of bringing the utilities industry up to date. I've got immense respect for him as a

person too.
And finally, I have to mention Ed Wallis of PowerGen. He has always stood out as a bit of a figurehead for me - he is always at the forefront of things in terms of the power

Chief Executive. Yorkshire Electricity I think, were I to chose one person in the industry who impresses me.

it would have to be Duncan Whyte of ScottishPower. Alongside us and Eastern, ScottishPower has spearheaded the opening up of the world electricity market. Furthermore, at forums he is a

major contributor - really hands-on. Duncan is a man with vision and stature and very clear, very good ideas. He's an intelligent man and a good thinker - in fact he'd make a great Yorkshireman!

I admire his direct, pragmatic approach to business. He has no airs and graces, which means he can communicate just as well with those on the floor as with those right at the

pudding is his track record, which is a good one: in the past seven years he has increased ScottishPower's market capital by an impressive margin. For all these reasons, he's the chap I most admire in the energy business at the moment.

Neil Tribick

Director. The Gas Company

It's a difficult task to pick someone out in our industry because, to be honest, there's nobody impressive around at the moment. There aren't any great personalities. The only man who ever did impress me was Sir James McKinnon, the first director general of Ofgas.

He was at the forefront of regulation when it happened in our

industry and was all for freedom of choice for the consumer. He did stand out and was a very dynamic

He fought a great battle to create that competitive edge, which enabled all of our companies - gas, electricity and oil - to compete and to create a new kind of industry. As a champion of the buyer he was tremendous, and he was equally good from the perspective of the

He was a thoroughly exceptional force in the industry and has been served well by his experience of big industry. He's not an academic but a businessman and an honest man. He's really the only one I could possibly pick out.

Peter Sulley Managing Director.

Independent Energy UK

As the power industry currently stands, I think the person whom I am most impressed by is Jim Whelan of Eastern Power and

Trading.
I think it is in great part thanks to him and his vision that the company stands out as it does in terms of the way it has created a functional integrated operation and the way in which it is increasingly becoming a serious player on the world-wide

If you try to look further for a another personality, there's quite a big gap in terms of doing something no-one else has done. There's nothing particularly fresh or interesting going on anywhere else. An equally impressive figure is John Devaney formerly of Eastern. The concept of integration really came from him. He also instigated a fresh look at regional energy companies.

Other companies seem to be still very much rooted in the past regarding work processes and structuring. John took a look at the market and readjusted his service accordingly - he saw that value lay in both the production side of power and the supply side. Most of the regulated companies look at the past but both men mentioned above are acutely aware of what the future could hold. It's their freshness of vision that I admire.

Roy Gardner

Chief Executive,

Centrica A formidable man in energy at the moment has to be Ian Robinson of ScottishPower. Under his aegis, the company has grown from a regional electricity firm in to a major national business. He has also successfully pushed the business into new areas such as telecommunications and water.

He has steered the company smoothly through acquisitions while others have struggled somewhat through them. His success has been due to his vision and his ability to build a very good team around him.

What I do think is vital to success. particularly where Centrica is concerned, is the quality of customer service - as that is how we interface with our customers. In this highly competitive business and era, the quality of customer service has to be superior if you want to

> INTERVIEWS BY SALLY CHATTERTON

#### BOOK OF THE WEEK

# A mine is a hole with a crook on top

ON JOINING the venture cap- BRE-X - the inside story ital business 20 years ago, my first boss advised me that each day two people enter the business world. One has a plausible idea for making a lot of money, an idea which is subtly but fatally flawed. The other has invented a new way to defraud you. "Your job is to avoid dealing with both," he said. With this resonating in my mind I plunged into Jen-

What I discovered was a ripping tale of the mining industry. The story is quite simple. In the early Nineties a tiny Canadian shell company called Bre-X started prospectof the Indonesian jungle at a ing a series of press releases mistic, but clearly false, claims vestors lost money and several prospect, Bre-X claimed to have discovered the largest Support for this story was of mining. The behaviour of are a constant feature.

of the world's biggest mining scam by Jennifer Wells (Orion Business, £9.99)

provided by several mining analysts at well-regarded investment banks. Little more than a year

later, Freeport McMoran, who had negotiated the right to buy into this "reserve" completed nifer Wells' book with interest. its review of Bre-X's drilling programme only to discover that the prospect was barren. It became clear that for the previous four years a small group of Bre-X employees had been "salting" the core saming for gold deep in the heart ples, adding traces of gold to otherwise worthless rock beplace called Busang. Follow- fore it went to be tested. Needless to say the share price of which made ever-more opti- Bre-X crashed, many in-

about the nature of the reputations were tarnished What did I learn from this? More than I thought. First, it deposit of gold in the world. sheds some light on the world



some of the world's largest mining houses, if Wells' account is in fact true, could never be described as proper.

The processes adopted by this junior mining company and, on face value, accepted by analysts and some of the larger industry players leave a lot to be desired. Obvious gaps in due diligence and the failure to sense warning signs

We are also provided with a primer into how to do business in Indonesia. The name of the game here was to plug into the right areas, with the mediocre managers with assistance of a local business magnate blind-siding government officials.

Turning back to the stock market and Toronto, the promoter David Walsh successfully pushed the stock through the stratosphere, avoiding all the filters that for normal companies prevent abuse of the market. In this case, a heady combination of untold riches (the "proven reserves") which were used to stimulate and his colleagues in Canada demand and a short supply of had knowledge of de Guzstock (cash needs were mod-man's activities. Only Felderest relative to market capi-

talisation) led to a gold fever Myth became reality, the final episode of this "Emperor's Clothes" tale of the capital markets is that Bre-X entered the Toronto Index Bre-X suggests that the defiand accordingly its shares nition of a mine is a hole in the were bought by "no-risk"

I found it sad that the personalities behind this scam were people who, in the main, had achieved little. In short, scrappy track records succeeded in duping the industry and the markets.

One question that remains unanswered is who was in on this fraud. De Guzman, the ambitious Filipino who perpetuated the salting seam. was either killed or committed suicide. The promoter, David Walsh, died from a coronary shortly after the crash. Nobody knows whether Walsh hoff, the self-styled Indiana Jones of mining, survives.

This is a very intriguing yarn, which brought together both of the people my boss warned me not to deal with. ground with a crook on top. IAN ARMITAGE

#### MY FAVOURITE RESTAURANT

# The best French chips

RICHARD HUNTINGFORD. chief executive of Chrysalis Radio, is so enamoured of his favourite restaurant, being nearer to it was a factor when looking for a new house four vears ago.

Now he lives practically on the doorstep of Sonny's, in the media village of Barnes. South-west London, "It's such a good restaurant I'm amazed the estate agents in Barnes don't add it to their list of fine features of the area." he enthuses.

"It was one of the first restaurants producing dishes that were different. It was way ahead of the pack." However, Mr Huntingford

42, admits he's no restaurant critic. Pushed to sum up Sonny's fare, he opts for "modern cuisine":

It takes no pushing, though, for him to outline some of its dishes: a starter could be asparagus, dandelion leaves, quail eggs, parmesan,



main course, grilled halibut and black pasta with panfried calamari and Nero sauce. The wine list is New World-weighted.

In the day cafe-style, cheaper meals are available and on Sundays a traditionalwith-a-twist lunch. "So I can go and have a grown-up meal in the evening, either on business or with my wife, and on weekends we can take the crackling and truffle oil; for the kids," he says.

He swears by Sonny's French-style chips: "I defy anyone to better them." Mr Huntingford, whose

background is in accountancy, says managers Susi and Graeme are so passionate about the restaurant it is as if you are eating in their own home. Waiter Chris, with his rat-tail dreadlocks and grunge-style romantic" attire, adds to the ambiance.

He took David Jenson there when "The Kid" signed to Chrysalis's Heart 106.2. "The media business is very much a people business," he explains, "If you can find a restaurant you feel comfortable with, it can be a good way to cement relationships and

talk about issues "Having said that," he adds, "I don't spend all my time going out to lunch." NAOMI MARKS

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# With-profits endowments could be your loss

profits type of endowment policy, a for a unit trust or investment trust business for many years? The question is hardly new, but it is worth asking again, given the current state of the investment markets and the rapid recent changes in the sophistication of the financial markets.

As most people know, withprofits policies are designed to cater to the needs of relatively lowrisk investors. What they aim to do downs of the financial markets through a system of annual and final bonuses. If you buy a with-profits policy, you are in effect backing the tortoise over the hare, judging that a slow but steady approach will

come out ahead over the long haul. If you want a full exposure to the markets, and are wedded to insuralways have the option of a unitised policy instead, whose value rises and falls broadly (but after costs)

IS THERE any future for the withstaple offering of the life insurance to do the job instead. There are a sufficient variety around these days to allow you to match your risk profile to that of an appropriate fund.

With-profits policies are some-

thing of a throwback to another era:

they conjure up inevitable images of dour Scottish actuaries grimly shepherding your money behind closed doors. One of the most striking features of the traditional with-profits is to smooth out the annual ups and policy is that your money is taken away and invested without your ever having much say about what happens to it. The discretion of the investment manager is almost total The annual bonuses are declared by fiat. So too is the final bonus, which these days amounts to an increasingly large proportion of the final value of the policy - anything from ance company products, then you 20 per cent for an average 10-year policy to 57 per cent for an average 25-year policy, according to the latest survey of performance figures

mortgage holders have learnt to their cost, you will also be penalised heavily if you stop making your premium payments for whatever reason before the end of your term. In the case of 20 or 25-year endowment policies, the risk of surrender penalties means that you may be tied in for at least half your working life to the same manager with very little you can do about it if he fails to do a good job. (This does not stop around one in five endowment policies being surrendered within four years, according to the Per-

sonal Investment Authority.) Flexibility in other words is not the name of the game with withprofits endowments. This would not matter so much if the performance of the funds was better than it has been. However, if you have opted for a low-risk investment, you can hardly complain if the performance is not as good as if you had invested your money 100 per cent in the in line with the behaviour of the by Money Management magazine. stock market during what has been



JONATHAN **DAVIS** 

You are backing the tortoise over the hare, judging that a slow but steady approach will come out ahead over the long haul

one of the greatest bull markets of 10-year policy (and this is just an avthe century.

Taking Money Management's figures, the average return on a 10year with-profits policy maturing in 1990 was 14.1 per cent, or 7.9 per cent in real terms. For the past five years the equivalent real return on maturing policies has been between 5 per cent and 6 per cent. On my reckoning this is somewhere between 30 per cent and 50 per cent below the real 10-year return on the stock market during that period which in part reflects the fact that shares account for between 50 per cent and 80 per cent of an endowment policy's assets (the rest

is in bonds and property). What has always dragged down with-profits policies' performance has been their costs. The average "reduction on yield" on a 10-year with-profits endowment policy today is 1.5 per cent for a 25-year policy; 1.7 per cent for a 20-year policy: 2.2 per cent for a 15-year policy and a horrific 3.3 per cent for a

erage figure: the highest cost polices go up to 4.0 per cent; the lowest, Equitable Life, is 1.6 per cent). Any investment with that kind of cost burden to carry is always going to be struggling to earn its corn, not least because you would normally expect lower risk funds to have

lower costs than higher risk ones. With the proliferation of competing products now around, it certainly seems inevitable that unless insurance companies attack their costs and make more disclosure about what their investment policies are, then the days of the with-profits fund will indeed be numbered.

But there is nothing wrong with the concept of a fund that "smooths" the risks of financial markets over time. One final statistic caught my eye from the Money Management survey. For 25year policies, the average real return has doubled from less than 2.5 per cent for policies maturing in 1990 to 5.3 per cent for those maturing this year. Is that good or bad? Well, it all depends. If you had been offered a 5 per cent real return 25 years ago most people would have said yes: 5 per cent for a low-risk investment is a very good outcome, when set against the stock market's long run 6-7 per cent. But if it had been 2.5 per cent, you could do better with most alternatives.

The real question that insurers have to answer now with endowments is: how does anyone know what they are buying any more? There doesn't seem to be much "smoothing" going on when a 25year-investment can produce a real return of 2.5 per cent one year and more than twice that return just nine years later. (To be fair, there are some honourable exceptions.) Add to that the fact that you don't know until very late in the day how big the terminal bonus is going to be, except that it will be more than half the value of the fund, and one has to ask whether the with-profits fund is really such a low-risk investment after all.

# Should you invest in... food retailers?

KINGFISHER'S surprise £6bn swoop on the food retailer Asda last week cast a light on the food retailing sector, which has been largely ignored by investors over the past couple of

The qualities that have traditispally made the supermarkets Sular defensive stocks at times of market volatility have simply turned off investors and the sector's problems increased by the investigation by Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) of complaints that they were overcharging consumers.

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"It has been a very difficult sector to call over the past 18 months and everything they can find. to 2 years," says Alan Perkins of has produced some very good numbers and is clearly the sector leader at the moment, but if you had stuck with quality and held Tesco you would still have underperformed the

Hillary Cook, sector analyst at Barclays Stockbrokers says: "The sector has been ridiculously oversold. Food retailers are not that much different from general retailers, but they have been largely shunned by the market. "The supermarkets have great out-of-town locations and they know their customers extremely well. These are supposed to be the big factors in retailing and the supermarkets are ayay ahead of everyone else."

Ian Brown of Norwich Union's in-

vestment management division says: "Supermarkets certainly wouldn't be my favourite place to invest at the moment. Over and above the MMC question, the major factor affecting the food retailing sector is that the market simply doesn't want to know about these plodding, relatively safe companies.

"Investors decided we are not going into recession and in a recovery there are much more exciting things to put your money into."

institutional equities at Hill Samuel, says: "It is a very interesting time for food retailers because if you look at it from the macro point of view you see that demand is not strong but capacity is very strong. What you · 13 per cent which is probably only

BY KEIRON ROOT

have, despite strong cash flow, is a sector that is declining and that is not a great scenario for investors looking for growth."

The result has been that the food retailers have been amassing a lot of cash, but have not been entirely sure what to do with it. Ian Brown says: "If you have excess cash you can do one of two things: return it to shareholders, through a buyback for example, or buy something with it. The supermarkets have been investing it in anything

"In the case of Sainsburys, there US, and with Tesco it is the still-to-beproven investment in Eastern Europe. Supermarket managements are a pretty arrogant bunch and they have not learnt the humility required to hand back cash to investors." But this sleepy sector has crackled into life following the news of Asda's proposed merger with the general retailing group Kingfisher. "What Kingfisher is in effect saying is that MMC's report is not going to be that significant," says Hillary Cook

"I don't see what the MMC can actually do. It can't tell the supermarkets to cut prices, since there is a high degree of price competition between the retailers anyway and all that would happen is that price cuts would force even more smaller retailers out of business."

Christopher Willmott says: "I would have thought that investors with food retailing stocks should hang on in there. The MMC will continue to create uncertainty but Kingfisher has clearly identified value within the sector and it is unlikely to be the only one."

Ian Brown has misgivings over the MMC investigation. "We do feel for the supermarkets on this one. They seem to have been targeted by to be. For example, a material chunk Christopher Willmott, director of a not very competent government minister with an axe to grind.

"The one thing you can say for them is that they are not making monopoly profits. Most are currently showing a return on capital of 12 to



From their first store in Drury Lane, central London, J Sainsbury has built up a formidable retail food chain

a couple of points above their costs. Compare that with some of the banks, that are showing an ROC of 25 per cent plus and are getting away

Hillary Cook agrees. "The MMC report has effectively stopped any merging within the sector, such as the Asda/Safeway tie-up which looked on the cards last year. What you may well see is the effective merger of two sectors, as food retailers and general retailers come closer together."

And Ian Brown points out that this process was already developing, even before the Kingfisher/Asda tie-up. "You could say that they definitely are defensive stocks, although not as defensive as they used of Asda's business is already nonfood retailing, which is cyclical, and, therefore, will be affected by economic conditions but will offer growth prospects at some point."

Christopher Willmott says: "The food retailers have always found

imaginative ways of taking money out of your pocket. They have been trying to expand sales into the 'grey market' and develop financial services and other associated services that will be driven off their existing asset base "

Hillary Cook sees two possibilities for further M&A activity. "There are two possible sorts of bidders, UKbased general retailers or overseas retailers. It has been often rumoured that Wal-Mart was looking at Asda and it may be that Asda decided to go with Kingfisher on a 'bet-

ter-the-devil-you-know' basis. "It is still possible that Wal-Mart is looking around for a UK acquisition and last week's news will either flush out a higher bid for Asda or prompt it to go for another target. like Safeway." In fact, Wal-Mart undertook a major fund raising denominated in euros early last week. which gave further substance to this

fisher's move, there was a lot of spec very successfully until last Friday. management already in place."

ulation about Asda being the subject with the Asda announcement, so of a bid either from the German retailer Aldi or from Wal-Mart of the US. I think that there is definitely going to be some rationalisation of the sector, although the best in the sector, Tesco, is probably safe as it

is so good at what it does. "The obvious candidates for a takeover would probably be Safeway or one of the smaller retailers, such as Somerfield. But an overseas buyer may well look at Sainsbury which I would now say is a definite potential target."

Christopher Willmott believes the Kingfisher/Asda deal will both limit Safeway's options, because it removes Asda as a potential suitor and also challenge Tesco's predominant position in food retailing. "The important question now is what is going to happen to Tesco"?" he says.

"Tesco has been very explicit in expanding primarily into Europe whilst also expanding its market Alan Perkins says: "Prior to King- share in the UK. It was doing this

there is likely to be more of a question mark over Tesco's ability to expand than there has been."

The creation of a new retailing giant will be felt throughout the sector. "The Kingfisher/Asda move puts Sainsburys in a difficult position as well, following its own trading statement last week," Willmott adds. "I would argue that Sainsburys' proposed solutions are not as comprehensive as they should be. It will be interesting to see what they end up doing, but if they are going to link up with someone else it is almost certain to be with an overseas

partner." Alan Perkins says: "The sector is still undervalued as a good business area with much quality management. If you are an overseas company wanting an acquisition, you would buy a quality business, like an Asda or a Sainsburys, rather than a Safeway or a Somerfield, because you would have the right

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SHAREWATCH BUY

Aberdeen Asset Management (140p), says Teather & Greenwood. which cites Aberdeen's sponsorship of the Boat Race as an indication of the fund manager's arrival as a significant national player. Three associated institutions hold 62 per cent of the shares, including Scottish Provident, a broker-dependent mutual, with 40.5 per cent. T&G has raised its recommendation in light of the fate of other mutuals and Prudential's purchase of M&G

The welding and specialist engineering products group Charter is a buy (361p), says Kyte Securities. The shares are cheap on a December 1999 price-earnings ratio of 7.2 and a dividend yield of 8.7 per cent. adds Kyte.

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PowerGen (708p), recommends Charles Stanley, pointing to in-creased competition and further electricity-pool price falls facing the generator. The broker notes that record availability of plant, and mild weather at the end of 1998, hit profits, which came in at £580m before tax, and has pencilled in £560m for this year and £550m for 2000, noting that, as a consequence of selling two plants in order to buy East Midlands Electricity, PowerGen's share of UK generation is set to fall from 25 to below 14 per cent, while it will also lose annual payments of £35m as its earn-out agreement with Eastern ends early.

ABN Amro has downgraded its rating on Colt Telecom from hold to overvalued (1,134p). With competition set to intensify, Colt's profits growth could be held back, warns ABN Amro. Although it would make strategic sense for Colt to expand its fibre optic networks to Eastern Europe and America, the start-up losses would push Colt further into the red during the early years of the next century, adds the broker, which has moved to a cautious stance on alternative network operators in general, following telecoms' 41 per cent outperformance last year.

#### NO PAIN, NO GAIN: OUR MAN'S PORTFOLIO

# Take a tip from the boys in the boardroom

boys in the boardroom, often with wounded brigade; John Lusty is a share options and other incentive more recent casualty. perks, are prepared to put their hands in their pockets like any other investor, then they must think they are on to a good thing.

And they should know; they are appreciate how a company is faring. There have been some intriguing examples of the bosses picking up

shares in the past few weeks. Directors of Paramount, the pub chain, have topped up their admittedly modest shareholdings; the men at the Scotch whisky distiller Burn Stewart have been in the market and so have the leaders of John Lusty, the food group.

All three companies have experienced trading difficulties. Para-

DIRECTOR BUYING can be a signal mount and Burn Stewart are long-that shares are undervalued. If the time members of the walking

Paramount arrived on the stock market via a reverse takeover of a games group previously traded on one of the now defunct over-thecounter share markets which obviously in the best position to boomed briefly in the 1980s. It was probably the first of the now flourishing hand of pub groups to come to the City.

It has not had a cheerful time. Profits have been erratic although some dividends have been paid. But its position deteriorated so alarmingly that a rescue operation had to be mounted with Paul Davies, an experienced pub man, drafted in as chief

Burn Stewart's sobering time stemmed from its supermarket



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customers squeezing margins and problems in its important Taiwan market. Lusty appeared to be a growth stock until the dreaded profits

warning arrived. Naturally the trio's shares have

seen better days although the recent rounds of director buying have had has risen from its 10p low to 15p, although the little tweak unwards is scant consolation for any unfortunate soul who piled in at 100p-plus. Burn Stewart is up from around 10p to 17.5p but has been as high as 144p. And Lusty, 4p to 5.75p, has reached 12.5p.

There are obviously reasons for looking at each of the dismal threesome with a view to investing. Paramount is back in profits: the Burn Stewart hoard, reporting increased interim losses of £2.5m against £1.7m. has said the company is over the worst and capable of returning to profthat trading had not lived up to best expectations but that profits for the year ending March would be comeback trail and it would not be 9.4 per cent and has yet to complete

Of the three I think Paramount is merger ferment which is enveloping seems to have put the dark days behind and seems well on the road to recovery.

The group has 149 pubs, all tenanted. It has spent heavily bringing its estate up to scratch after what would appear to have been a period of neglect. In the year to last May pre-tax profits came out at £539,000 against a £1.4m loss. For the six months to November profits were £236.000. up from £81,000.

Paramount is not paying preference dividends and the arrears are still mounting. It would be unwise to it. And at John Lusty the warning was expect a return to ordinary dividend payments in the near future.

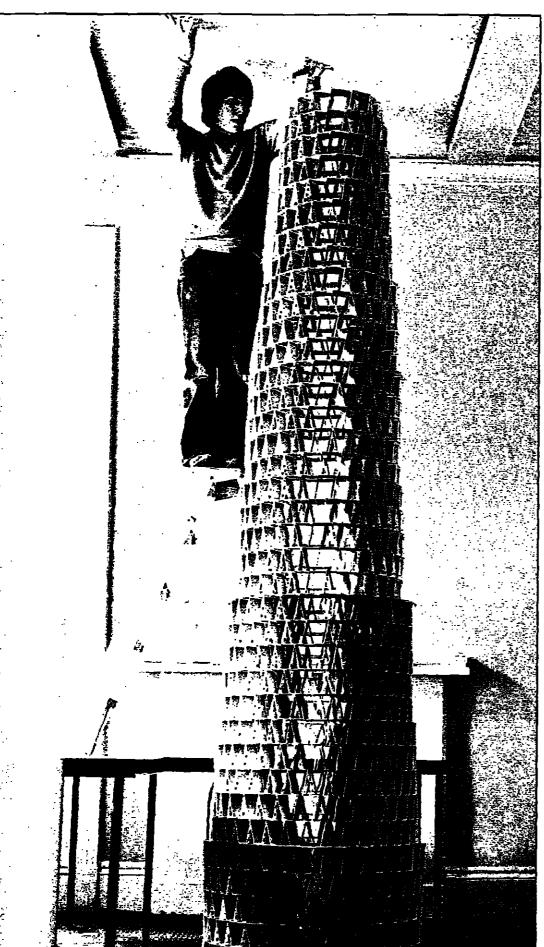
But the group is clearly on the "slightly" ahead of last year's £1.9m. surprising if it got involved in the a pub deal with Paramount.

the best bet. The undercard can be the pub chains. It would make an the predictable impact. Paramount notoriously risky but the company ideal target for another quoted group or could easily be the vehicle for bringing one of the unquoted chains to market: most are backed by venture capitalists who must be keen to cash in their chips.

Paramount, which has been around so long as a quoted group it has acquired a rather tired investment image, has an impressive roll call of major shareholders.

Greenalls (15.5 per cent); Bass (4,2 per cent) and the Burtonwood Brewery (8.2 per cent) mostly collected their stakes in exchange for pubs. But Nomura, the Japanese investment bank which has emerged as the nation's biggest pub landlord, is sitting in there with

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Cross-holdings in the split capital sector have led to the feared 'house of cards' scenario, where the failure of one investment trust severely affects the others in the circle

# Beware the fall of a House of Cards

IF YOU have placed your money in an investment trust, you do so on the understanding that its fund manager will out-perform compared to a relevant index, based on his or her own individual flair. What you are unlikely to expect is that that fund manager has invested a large slice of his cash in another investment trust, which has placed a portion of its money in a third investment trust, which in turn is investing heavily in your own trust, or the shares of its parent company.

Some experts distrust this practice, fearing the collapse of shares held through an interconnected spiral of cross-ownership. Others argue that the practice of cross-holding trusts within a group can be used to narrow the discounts of ailing funds.

The "discount" is where the shares of an investment trust cost less to buy than the actual assets it holds. It is usually measured as a percentage, so if a share stands at a discount of 12 per cent to net asset value (NAV), this means you are buying 100p of assets for 88p. This may be attractive to the shareholders of the funds whose shares are being bought, but it may not be the best strategy for the investment trust doing the buying. Again. a conflict of interest could arise where shares in internal funds are favoured over those of external companies or funds that might otherwise be placed in the investment trusts portfolio.

Cross-holdings do provide an extra layer of individual investment diversification, because the trust being bought will have invested in a wide range of companies. But the investor will lose diversification in

terms of management house style. Trusts become dependent on the success of the investment house and the investment trust team.

Peter Walls, investment trust analvst at Credit Lyonnais, believes there is little evidence that investment trusts buy shares in internal funds to reduce the discount, and adds that levels of cross-holdings are reducing across the industry as a whole. He says: "It is fair to say that cross-holdings in investment trusts of the same parent company are less common than they were 10 or 15 years ago in conventional investment trusts."

Investors should be aware of the potential problems related to crossholdings in split capital investment trusts. The cross-holdings in the split capital sector have led to the feared "house of cards" scenario, where the failure of one trust severely affects the others in the circle.

A survey by Bloomberg Money reveals that out of the split capital trust sector, five funds typically have large numbers of investments in other split capital trusts among their top 10 holdings. These funds are BFS Income & Growth, Aberdeen's Danae and Jove trusts, Dartmoor (run by Exeter fund managers), Geared Income trun by Broker Financial Services) and INVESCO's City & Commercial split capital trust. All these companies, except INVESCO, have holdings in split capital trusts that invest in other split capital trusts as well - namely themselves. The split capital trusts held by INVESCO's fund invest in non-split capital investment

trust shares or shares of non-investment trust companies.

This is illustrated in the table on this page. For example, Danae has eight holdings of split capital investment trusts in its top 10, making up 26.7 per cent of the fund. Of these, two are split capital trusts that invest in other split capitals - Dartmoor and Geared Income (income shares and ordinary shares). But neither of these two trusts invest in Danae, so the circle between the

three trusts is not complete. But a true circle and "house of cards" scenario exists between Dartmoor and Geared Income, both of which invest in each other. This is highlighted by the fact that 3.1 per cent of Dartmoor is held in Geared Income trust, which has 8.4 per cent of Dartmoor. The performance of these two funds is highly interdependent. Mr Walls says: "At present, split capital funds with cross-holdings are doing well because interest rates have fallen and people invest in split capital trusts because they can generate a reasonable level of income. But problems might occur if that trend were to change and in-

vestors moved out of the funds." Despite the possibility of increased risk, some industry experts believe split capital cross-holdings are no bad thing. Robin Minter Kemp, deputy managing director of HSBC, says split capital investors provide a steady base of investment in split capital funds. He says: "Because of the current economic environment of low interest rates, there is high demand for high-yielding split capital shares, but a shortage of supply. As a result, many split capital funds invest in each other and this helps support the share price."

Although it is hard to imagine this beneficial circle turning into a vicious circle, that is exactly what happened in 1929 when the stockmarkets in the US and the UK crashed. Investors in closed-end funds, such as investment trusts, suffered particularly badly because the value of their shares fell even faster than the value of the assets in which such

Although the 1929 scenario is unlikely to occur again, the cross-holdings throughout the industry clearly increase risk and can confuse investors. Cross-holdings can make it more difficult for investors to assess exactly what a trust has invested in at the bottom line and such detailed information is often difficult to obtain.

Graham Campbell, head of UK large company investment at Edinburgh Fund Managers, believes investors should be wary of split capital trusts that have cross-holdings. He says: "Split capital trusts are already geared investments whose performance is more sharply affected by market conditions than standard trusts. So, if they invest in other split capital trusts, they are effectively increasing their gearing and risk even more for their investors."

Investors clearly deserve greater transparency from investment trust groups and should look with caution on trusts with large numbers of cross-holdings.

Katharine Lewis is senior writer at

#### CROSS-HOLDINGS SPLIT CAPITAL Split capital trust % of split cap investing in other split capital trusts BFS Income +13.1 27% Geared Income Ord shares 2.2% & Growth Dartmoor Ordinary shares 2.4% -31.7 26.7% **Dartmoor Ordinary shares** Danae Geared income Ord shares 1.9% Dartmoor +18 38.3% Geared Income inc shares 3.1% 3.1% Geared Income Dartmoor Ordinary shares -13.6 INVESCO City -15.4 & Commercia -47.5Dartmoor Ordinary shares

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# Changes could woo back small investors

BY NIC CICUTTI

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ARE YOU a convert to the cause of investment trusts? If so, you might be forgiven for feeling slightly disgruntled in recent years, as the value of your investment has failed to match rises in other equity-linked pooled funds, such as unit

That isn't true of all investment trusts, of course. Some have continued to perform well and, in a handful of cases, have delivered sparkling returns. But it is true to say that in many cases, returns have been relatively poor.

In part, this has not been so much because of poor fund management skills, but a consequence of the structure of investment trusts themselves.

Unlike unit trusts, investment trusts operate as companies in their own right. You buy shares in an investment trust, which in turn buys shares in other companies. Demand for an investment trust share is what drives its price, not the value of the underlying asset.

In fact, it is common for the value of assets held by an investment trust to be greater than the price of shares in the trust itself. When this happens, this is known as a "discount to net asset value", or NAV.

This discount can parrow or increase, according to demand. Back in the early to mid-1990s. it narrowed so that the NAV discount stood at an average of 5 per cent. For investors who bought into investment trusts in the preceding few years, this was an unqualified success

Not only did they gain in terms of increases in the value of their trusts' underlying assets, the narrowing of discounts from up to 25 per cent a decade earlier gave them a substantial second bite at the cherry. The problem, unfortunately, was that this could not last.

A combination of factors, including the launch of too many



Investment trusts need new bands of 'committed' shareholders when institutional shareholders depart

poorly performing investment sell, creating between £13bn trusts, greater marketing skills by their unit trust counterparts, and more recent bouts of furbulence in world equity markets, saw discounts widen again to up to 15 per cent. In other words, irrespective of a trust manager's asset-picking skills, the trust's value fell to up to 10 per cent less on average than a comparable unit trust.

The problem is compounded by the fact that around 60 per cent of the £54bn investment trust sector is owned by institutional shareholders. They might have invested at a time when their own institution did not have the research expertise in a particular area. But this is no longer the case and - according to some estimates anything between 25 and 35 per

cent of them would like to

and £18bn of pent-up selling demand

The trick, then, is for investment trusts to substitute departing institutional shareholders, who would sell up it discounts were likely to narrow, with a new band of "committed" shareholders.

One mechanism is to maximise small investment opportunities, including regular savings schemes in investment trusts. In this regard, the Government's decision to encourage the provision of a new unit and investment trustlinked personal pension is judged by many experts to have the potential to mop up some of the shares which institutions might wish to dispose of

But without small shareholders seeing that serious come the problem of discounts to net asset value, they are unlikely to step in to any great

extent. Therefore, one of the main methods which investment trusts hope will help the sector to overcome the discount problem is to engage in mass share buy-backs. `

Investment trusts are allowed to buy back up to 14.99 per cent of shares at present held by shareholders, if they are given authority to do so. In the past year or so, more than 100 trusts, one-third of those that can do so, have sought, or are seeking, the authority of their shareholders to buy back their own equity. By reducing the number of shares in existence, the aim is to increase the price of those still in circulation. More than 20 have already acted on the basis of this general authorisation.

The attractiveness of this generalised buy-back has increased since the beginning of this year, when Advance Corporation Tax was abolished. The abolition will allow investment trusts to buy back their shares without incurring a 25 per cent liability to tax on the difference between the price paid and the price at which the

shares were originally issued. Ultimately, although buying back shares may work in some cases, overall performance of a trust is likely to remain key to reducing discounts. Replacing institutional shareholders with long-term investors requires a combination of reforms to the sector - including dealing with the problem of heavy expense ratios in very small and

relatively unsuccessful trusts. If the reforms work, small savers could well see their investment trusts becoming viable alternatives to unit trusts and their intended replacements, open-ended investment companies. The next 18 months will be a make-or-break time for

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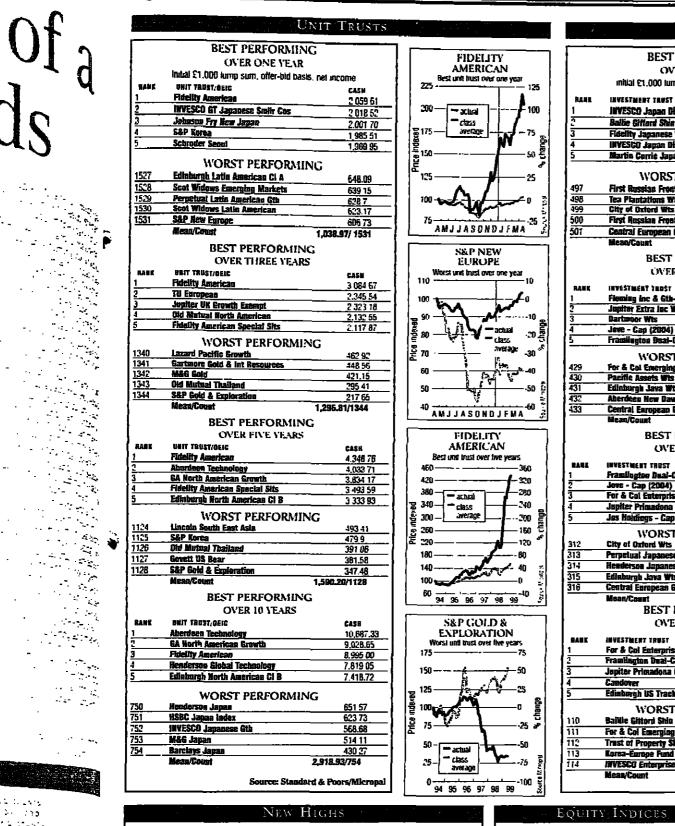
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Abbey National Halitax  Coventry BS  Portman Channel Isls Irish Nat'wide (10M)  Il Rock Gueressy Irish Nat'wide (10M)  GE Fin'l Assurance Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured	0800 100807 01422 333333 0845 7665522 OFFSI 01481 822747 01624 673373 01481 714600 01624 673373 GUARAN 0181 3803388 0800 838020 0800 838020 0800 838020	CAT Standard CAT Standard CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Instant 6 International less Offskore 90 International 90 ITEED INCO!	Instant Instant 7 Day Instant 7 Day Instant WINTS (G None None 90 Day 90 Day ME BON1 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year	\$1,000 \$3,000 \$500 \$500 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$50,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,00	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 5.50% 6.00% 6.25% 6.65% T) 4.20%FN 4.20%FN 4.20%FN 4.20%FN 9.55% 3.60%	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 5.50% 6.00% 6.25%	YIN
Abbey National Halitax  Coventry BS  Portman Channel Isls Irish Nat'wide (10M)  Il Rock Gueressy Irish Nat'wide (10M)  GE Fin'l Assurance Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured	0800 100807 01422 333333 0845 7665522 OFFSI 01481 822747 01624 673373 01481 714600 01624 673373 GUARAN 0181 3803388 0800 838020 0800 838020 0800 838020	CAT Standard CAT Standard CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Instant 6 International less Offskore 90 International 90 ITEED INCO!	Instant Instant 7 Day Instant 7 Day Instant WINTS (G None None 90 Day 90 Day ME BON1 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year	\$1,000 \$300 \$300 \$500 \$5,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$50,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$	5.25% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.00% 6.00% 6.05% 6.05% 1.05% 4.20% PM 4.20% PM 4.2	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 5.50% 6.00% 6.25%	YIN
Abbey National Halitax  Coventry BS  Portman Channel Isls Irish Nat'wide (10M)  Il Rock Gueressy Irish Nat'wide (10M)  GE Fin'l Assurance Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured	0800 100807 01422 333333 0845 7665522 OFFSI 01481 822747 01624 673373 01481 714600 01624 673373 GUARAN 0181 3803388 0800 838020 0800 838020 0800 838020	CAT Standard CAT Standard CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Instant 6 International less Offskore 90 International 90 ITEED INCO!	Instant Instant 7 Day Instant 7 Day Instant WINTS (G None None 90 Day 90 Day ME BON1 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year	\$1,000 \$2,000 \$500 \$5,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.00% 6.25% 6.65% TT) 4.20% PM 4.20% PM 4.10% PM 4.	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 5.50% 6.00% 6.25%	YIN
Abbey National Halitax  Coventry BS  Portman Channel Isls Irish Nat'wide (10M)  Il Rock Gueressy Irish Nat'wide (10M)  GE Fin'l Assurance Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured	0800 100807 01422 333333 0845 7665522 OFFSI 01481 822747 01624 673373 01481 714600 01624 673373 GUARAN 0181 3803388 0800 838020 0800 838020 0800 838020	CAT Standard CAT Standard CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Instant 6 International less Offskore 90 International 90 ITEED INCO!	Instant Instant 7 Day Instant 7 Day Instant WINTS (G None None 90 Day 90 Day ME BON1 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year	\$1,000 \$3,000 \$500 \$5,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.00% 6.25% 6.65% TT) 4.20% 4.00% 4.00% 4.05% 3.65% 3.65% 3.65% 3.80% 4.00%	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 5.50% 6.00% 6.25%	YEAR YEAR YEAR YEAR YEAR YEAR YEAR YEAR
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Abbey Mational Halltax  Coventry BS  Portman Channel Isk Irish Hat'wide (HOM) II Rock Guernsky Irish Hat'wide (HOM) SE Flo? Assurance Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured INVESTIGENT ACCOUNT	0800 100807 01422 333333 0845 7665522 OFFSI 01481 822747 01624 673373 01481 714600 01624 673373 GUARAN 0181 3803388 0800 838020 0800 838020 0800 838020	CAT Standard CAT Standard CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Instant 6 International less Offskore 90 International 90 ITEED INCO!	Instant Instant 7 Day Instant 7 Day Instant UNTS (G None None 90 Day 90 Day WE BON! 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year CCOUNT 1 Month	\$1,000 \$3,000 \$500 \$5,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.00% 6.25% 6.65% T) 4.20% R)	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 5.50% 6.00% 6.25%	YNY
Abbey National Halitax  Coventry BS  Portman Channel Isls Irish Nat'wide (10M)  Il Rock Gueressy Irish Nat'wide (10M)  GE Fin'l Assurance Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured	0800 100807 01422 333333 0845 7665522 OFFSI 01481 822747 01624 673373 01481 714600 01624 673373 GUARAN 0181 3803388 0800 838020 0800 838020 0800 838020	CAT Standard CAT Standard CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Instant 6 International less Offskore 90 International 90 ITEED INCO!	Instant Instant 7 Day Instant 7 Day Instant WINTS (G None None 90 Day 90 Day ME BON1 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year	\$1,000 \$2,000 \$5,000 \$5,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.00% 6.25% 6.65% TT) 4.20% 4.20% 4.20% 4.20% 4.40% 4.20% 4.45% 4.95%	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 5.50% 6.00% 6.25%	YNY
Abbey Mational Halltax  Coventry BS  Portman Channel Isk Irish Hat'wide (HOM) II Rock Guernsky Irish Hat'wide (HOM) SE Flo? Assurance Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured INVESTIGENT ACCOUNT	0800 100807 01422 333333 0845 7665522 OFFSI 01481 822747 01624 673373 01481 714600 01624 673373 GUARAN 0181 3803388 0800 838020 0800 838020 0800 838020	CAT Standard  CAT Standard  CAT Standard  Non CAT Standard  Non CAT Standard  Non CAT Standard  Instant 6  Indemnational lest  Ottshore 90  Indemnational 90  ITEED INCOM	Instant Instant 7 Day Instant 7 Day Instant UNTS (G None None 90 Day 90 Day WE BON! 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year CCOUNT 1 Month	\$1,000 \$3,000 \$500 \$5,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.00% 6.25% 6.65% T) 4.20% R)	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 5.50% 6.00% 6.25%	YIN
Abbey National Halltax Coventry BS  Portman Channel Isls Irisb Nat'wide (NOM) Il Rock Guernsty Irish Hat'wide (NOM) GE Fin'l Assurance Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	0800 100807 01422 333333 0845 7865522 OFFSI 01481 822747 01624 673373 01481 714600 01624 673373 GUARAN 0181 3803388 0800 638020 0800 638020 0800 MATTONAL	CAT Standard CAT Standard CAT Standard CAT Standard HORE ACCOL Instant 6 Indexmational liest Offshore 90 International 99 ITEED INCOL L SAVINGS AG	Instant Instant 7 Day Instant 7 Day Instant UNTS (G None 90 Day 90 Day 90 Day 4 Year 2 Year 3 Year 1 Month	\$1,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,500 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2	5.25% 5.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.00% 6.25% 6.65% TT) 4.20% 4.20% 4.00% 4.35% 8.00% 4.20% 4.20% 4.45% 4.95% 5.20%	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 5.50% 6.00% 6.25%	YIN
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Abbey National Halliax Coventry BS  Portman Channel Isls Irisb Nat'wide (NOM) II Rock Guernsty Irish Hat'wide (NOM) SE Fin'l Assurance Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured Countrywide Assured INVESTMENT ACCOUNT INVESTME	0800 100807 01422 333333 0845 7665522 OFFSI 01481 822747 01624 673373 01451 714600 01624 673373 GUARAN 0181 3803388 0800 638020 0800 638020 0800 838020 NATTONA	CAT Standard CAT Standard CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Non CAT Standard Instant 6 Indemnational lest Offshore 90 Indemnational 90 INTEED INCOM	Instant Instant 7 Day Instant 7 Day Instant 7 Day Instant 9 Day 90 Day 90 Day 90 Day ME BON1 1 Year 2 Year 4 Year CCOUNT 1 Mornth Instant 5 Year 12 Month	\$1,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.50% 6.00% 6.25% 6.65% TT) 4.20%EN 4.20%EN 4.20%EN 4.25%EN 0.SS) 3.65% 3.80% 4.00% 4.45% 4.95% 4.95% 4.95% 4.95% 4.95% 4.95% 4.95%	6.25% 6.50% 6.50% 5.50% 6.00% 6.25%	YIYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY
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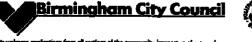
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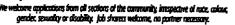
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product catalogue?" he says, and we reply that we suppose they do and wouldn't it make interesting Thames Estuary. Average height reading. Then Jaap and Findlay with sandy hair and squashy, unrehave to go off to price some currency deal, and Laura and I are left

to our own devices. the moment - everyone's waiting to see if rates can go any lower and Bottle-blonde girlfriend is named trying not to be the first to crack - after Australian soap-opera star so we've plenty of time to let our and works in the back office of anminds wander. And what they come up with is this - the Romford Robotics catalogue with its four most

"Do you suppose they have a swer to the names Daryl, Darren or Dwight, Lives in a flat in a new riverside housing development in the markable facial characteristics. Comes with grey Hugo Boss suit our own devices. (jacket too large, trousers too short), There's not much happening at white shirt with sweat stains under arms, grey shoes and white socks. other department. This is our best-

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Karen Haddon started out as a singer-actress, then had a pop hit with her sister. At 21, she joined her father, Harold Berlinski, in his new firm, Le Maitre, now the UK's largest firework business, turning over more than £5m a year



Karen Haddon and her father Harold Berlinski: 'We are both very aggressive. We see what we want and we go for it... and we have lots of arguments in the board room, if we both feel we are right'

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> PACKARD Expanding Possibilities

AREN HADDON: I ment of danger. My father and was at stage school until the age of 15, for two years. After that I made a record with my sister, Maxine. When she got married, I went to work for my father, who had a furniture company and a petrol station, and had just set up with somebody who'd invented the first safe pyro-flash I was intrigued to watch my

father and learnt a lot very quickly, listening to him doing ness acumen. I found it fascinating and tried to emulate him. I began to feel very comthe company. I wanted to conmake them bigger: there were lots of areas we could expand into, such as the corporate market and millennium displays. I don't think I could have done a nine-to-five job, but I liked the fact that I knew what I was doing every day. That's why I stayed. My father knew that Maxine and I always wanted to become singers and dancers we never thought of anything else - but he always made jokes about who was going to take over the family business. I think he was very pleased when I came in, because his natural flair for business has rubbed off on me: I lived at home until I got married, at 28, and I have most of his traits.

We are both very aggressive. We see what we want and we go for it, which probably isn't very attractive in a woman. We are quite ruthless. I can be very argumentative and very stubborn: in that, we are incredibly similar and we have lots of arguments in the board room, if we both feel we are right. But often we are able to change each other's minds. I think that's one of the reasons he feels comfortable with me in

One of our biggest shows in the 1980s was the G7 summit at Buckingham Palace, with President Bush and Margaret Thatcher. That was a turning point in terms of scale: we were getting known as one of the few companies which could do the really big displays. It was exciting, similar to the adrenalin I got when I went on stage.

Our industry is very informal. Having been in show business, dealing with rock and roll people is easier for me. But when you have Michael Jackson performing and you're setting off fireworks a few feet away, that's nerve-racking. But it's rewarding when you have done a brilliant show and everybody applauds. You can be very creative: you have to keep finding new boundaries which you can make safe, but spectacular.

Now, stars can't just go on stage and sing. People are expecting an entire show and special effects. You get some bands who want to blow up cars on stage, and you have to give them everything they want safely. You can never leave any-

I communicate an awful lot and I usually tell him what I am doing, what meetings I've had. We discuss the strategy we are going to use to get a job. My father is logical and straightforward, and I find that helpful. It's good business sense. We also work separately: he has responsibility for the whole company, as chairman, and I run the firework division. I think I have a particular empathy with the

put their case to my father. Although I have the most enormous respect for him and listen to his advice, I find it difficult to take direction and if I fortable in that environment and to take more and more on. believe I am right, I will do it. I get a lot of satisfaction when I Three years later, I became do a big deal, particularly if I've the finance director, then a full put together the tender and partner and bought shares in made the presentation. If my father disagrees with something, centrate on the displays and I go all out to prove it will work. You could call it highspiritedness, but I can be a bit dogmatic.

In a partnership like this, you do lose something as father and daughter. He thinks I am very tenacious, and I have certainly gained his admiration, but I don't think it's a natural progression for a child to challenge the father in a board room. My father was always in charge and made the decisions. Now, I

'My father is logical and straightforward and I find that helpful. It's also good business sense. I have respect for him'

can't sit on his lap and put my arms round him. I miss that. With the millennium, business is going to be manic for the next year. My father is more laid back now. He'll come in later in the mornings, or offer to pick up my daughter from school. I've seen a change in him - he's beginning to relax, and he knows what's going on in each area of the business. He's 74, but I don't think he would ever retire. He feels confident with the qualities I have, because they are what made him successful.

AROLD BERLINSKI: Karen was very involved in the entertainment business. She had a nice voice, although she abhorred acting. She and Maxine used to do the clubs, Cleethorpes Pier and so forth. I said: "That's what you've got to do; that's your apprenticeship and that's where you learn." I made it as easy as I could for them, but if you could work in those clubs, you could work anywhere. Karen was nervous, but she was very determined.

I started working for myself at 16 or 17, after being a welder. I used to buy and sell in south London, from auction sales. Then I went into pianos, and started a little shop in Clapham. We sold gowns and secondhand clothes, but my sisters used to give the gear away. Then we turned it into an eel thing to chance. We would pull and pie shop. The piano game the show if there was any elegot very bad, so I started

making furniture, and ended up

with two factories. I had a bit of space and my son-in-law brought me a clever kid, who was a designer and used to make dry ice machines. He worked out a system for a pyro-flash with cartridges. a pantomime with a flash - it's done with powder in a bowl, set off with a hot wire - but this kid had a cartridge plugged into a box which was a long way away people who work for us, and I'll It's a much safer system. That's how we started. We had anothtacts, and who was a friend of one of the Queen's equerries, so we used to get all the displays.

one day and wanted a job. She probably wasn't that serious about it, but I saw she had potential, and she's turned into an extremely good businesswoman. It was one step at a time: she started with secretarial work. She's very thorough and methodical, self-sufficient and dedicated. She's also good with people. I'm not good with the staff, too impatient, I have been in business for a long time, but I always had

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somebody looking after staff. When I started the firework business, I wasn't all that farseeing and we had one or two sticky patches. I am protective towards this because it's a family business, even more than if it was my own. I used to go out and get the business, but now I have very little to do with that. Karen is on that side, and my son-in-law does the sales. I

have every confidence in them. Our strength has been in research and development: for example, we had the bestdesigned smoke machine. If we found a hole in the market, we filled it. We also have extremely good distributors, and a sister company in Canada, so we had good expansion. In the early days, I would do whatever it took: you need dedication and determination to make it happen. I was ruthless, and in the furniture side, buying was my strong point. We used to serve the big boys then, MFT

and Littlewoods. Karen and I can argue a great deal, and we have occasional differences of opinion, but they don't get that bad. One of us changes our mind. Our relationship has always been good, and I admire her ability and love her dearly. Maybe when she started, Karen did feel she had to prove something - and she undoubtedly has done. She's had things to learn but she's learnt them. I haven't

had any doubts she can do it. I have no yen to leave the business completely, but I can take it easy now. Things can go wrong and I like to be around to see they don't, because I still feel protective of it. It's something to do. But at some stage when everything is flowing. maybe I will go. I hope Karen still considers my judgement is good - living as long as I have done, I should have better judgement. She could talk to me about anything. These days, being a woman in business isn't a difficulty. There are not many chauvinist pigs around.

INTERVIEWS BY RACHELLE THACKRAY

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Out boating with dad



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School trip from Hendon County

# life less ordinary

ven as a child, according to his older brother Miles, Peter Mandelson was a "great stylist". He was also "the opposite of a shrinking violet ... He never seemed to be fazed by anything and always seemed to predominate in a situation." He was like a "miniature adult", comfortable in the company of adults. At the age of 13 he was cast in the Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society production of Terence Rattigan's The Winslow Boy as the eponymous hero. a cadet accused of stealing money. Despite having Slone nothing similar before, he showed no sign of stage fright. The Hendon Times was enthusiastic: "Considering his age ... Peter Mandelson gave an excellent performance ... Reduced to tears after

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being expelled, he switched convincingly into a sort of a nonchalant attitude as his case drags on." Whatever anxieties he may have had, according to Miles, they were overcome by "the lure of the limelight". Family recollections are of a humorous, self-confident and sometimes rather mischievous little boy.

If Peter was more extrovert than Miles, he could also be an "infernal nuisance", particularly as a comic stereotype of the annoying younger brother. Walking home with Miles one afternoon shortly after he started at Hendon County grammar school, he saw some girls from Henrietta Barnett on the other side of the road. To Miles's horror, Peter shouted across to the girls, "What do you think of my brother?" Peter thought it a great joke; to the adoles-cent Miles it was mortifying enough for him to complain vigorously to his mother about it. On a family holiday to Spain, Miles had only to pass the time of day with a "Spanish lass" for Peter to dance round him, chanting, "Milo's in love, Milo's in love".

But although Miles was shyer and less gregarious than his younger brother, he was also able to get the measure of him. On one occasion Miles, in a flight of teenage inspiration, conferred a new alias on his brother: "Osmold Smish, the Italian mindyour-own-businessman." It conveyed "the kind of character you could imagine my brother becoming," explained Miles: "someone with probably an overinflated sense of his own importance but also somebody who is a wheeler and a dealer or a fixer." The name was almost certainly suggested by one of Kenneth Horne's radio comedy shows. Peter, by all accounts, revelled in his new celebrity as Smish the name by which he is still known to his family and to some of his closest friends outside politics.

Number 12 Bigwood Road was a lively, comfortable and entirely Labour household to grow up in. The family went on holidays abroad: Tony Mandelson chose his cars with care; the family owned a Sunbeam Talbot Convertible. Tony Mandelson's gregariousness and showmanship were inherited by his younger son. Photographs reveal Tony, the advertising director at the Jewish Chronicle, as exceptionally handsome.



'Eventually,' reported his headmaster, 'he will wish to undertake some great task on behalf of humanity.' In this extract from Mandelson: The Biography, Donald Macintyre leafs through the family album and finds a 'miniature adult' destined for politics from infancy, a mischievous Young Socialist and a mysterious Young Communist

like my father I can feel it". But he was probably closer to his mother. By contrast the shyer and less extrovert Miles Mandelson was more like his mother but correspondingly closer to Tony Mandelson. Miles always considered Peter to be Mary Mandelson's "favourite son. Still is. I don't say this out of any feelings of jealousy. She's very even handed about these things, and I think she would hate to think she had a favourite. But they are more in tune with one another at an emotional level, as well as an intellectual level." He also tended to get his way: when Miles Mandelson left home, "the study" at Bigwood Road became "Peter's study". where he would prepare for his A-levels to the sound of Bach and Telemann records put on the gramophone by Mary Mandelson.

The young Mandelson's interest in politics, his mother Mary judged, began at the age of "about five". When her father, Herbert Morrison. on one of his rare visits to Bigwood Road, departed without waiting for Peter to get back from school, he burst into tears - as much, perhaps, because he was a politician as because he was his grandfather.

Mandelson appears to have been something of an instant success at Hendon County grammar school. By the end of the fourth year the formidable headmaster, Maynard Potts, was cautiously marking him out for higher things: "Can he gain the really high grades which would warrant an application to Oxford and Cambridge?" he asked. Peter was not exactly sporty, though at 14 he was in the school rugby team and, the following year, he was in the athletics team as a "very efficient" manager. One fourth-form report on the boy who would later become something of a fitness fanatic, working out and swimming regularly, put it laconically: "Lazy, but improves with the weather."

Steve Howell and Peter Mandelson grew up together politically. Howell, who also attended Hendon County, had had little to do with Mandelson until they found themselves in the same set for several O-level subjects. He was struck at the time by two aspects of Mandelson's standing in the school. One was that "He was much more mature than other people in the year. I remember he used to spend

Peter has since said that in other ways he is "so time chatting with the teachers on almost equal influenced by his close friendship with Howell. At terms, which most people in the year wouldn't do." Howell, who was to socialise regularly in Mandelson's company over the next four years, also remembers another Mandelson trait. "Peter's very funny when he's talking about other people. He likes a good gossip. He likes characterising other people."

Mandelson apparently shunned big teenage parties, preferring to meet people "in smaller circles where he could be the kind of focus of the thing and entertain everyone ... and have a laugh". According to Howell, Mandelson was already "an incredible anorak" about the House of Commons, inviting friends, especially on long car journeys, to test him with the names of parliamentary constituencies so that he could answer with the name of the sitting MP. "He'd be laughing at himself while he was doing this, but actually he could name every single Labour MP." But the boys' common interest in party politics did not blossom into activism until one auturnn afternoon in 1969, when they were talking to Howell's grandmother, Winnie, a local Labour stalwart, who suggested the boys re-form the then dormant branch of Young Socialists in the constituency.

Which they enthusiastically set about doing. The stencilled YS magazine regularly carried Mandelson editorials. One issue, in March 1970, was already sternly warning against participation for the wrong reasons. The branch was not a "Friday night little social club"; it was not enough for members to turn up "because they had nothing better to do or because they are particularly interested in Atomic Energy or because they wouldn't mind having a look at Danny Abse or Will Howle [two recent guest speakers]." YS members urgently needed to that it is incredexamine big questions like: "Are we getting the right ibly disciplined, people along to our branch meetings? Are we really

doing anything worthwhile at all?" At the end of his first term in the sixth form EW Maynard Potts MA MSC. Hon. FRIBA, as he imposingly styled himself, commented: "Eventually he Machiavellian ... I will wish to undertake some great task on behalf of humanity." The report was written a matter of union negotiations weeks before Mandelson joined the Young Com- and I always used to

munist League. In joining the YCL, Mandelson may have been people are bloody

different times Maynard Potts apparently accused each of leading the other astray. In interviews Mandelson has tended to play down his YCL membership - for example, telling the Independent on to Steve Howell days after his arrival]. I just wish Sunday in 1996: "I went to the meetings. I really can't remember what led me to the YCL. It was short lived. I felt no identification. I spent far more time setting up a tremendous youth club at the Winchester Arms at Swiss Cottage, tearing it apart with my bare hands, then rebuilding it to make it structurally sound."

This is not the whole story. He was active in the YCL from February 1971 to September 1972, regularly selling the Morning Star and Challenge, the YCL newspaper, and attending a YCL Congress in Scarborough as a steward.

What did Mandelson get from his time as a Young

Looking back, his other close Hendon County friend and comrade Keren Abse, who is now a teacher, reflected that Mandelson was as discontented a

but that it may nevertheless have subconsciously influenced his later political style: about the YCL is with its committee structure ... you learn how to manipulate and be used to do a lot of think God almighty,

communist

as she was

naive in this room.' So I think that discipline ... was

Mandelson was energetic in arranging his postschool year. Having been accepted at St Catherine's College, Oxford, to do Philosophy. Politics and Economics, he wrote to the anti-apartheid priest Trevor Huddleston. then Bishop of Stepney, whom he had heard on the radio talking about Tanzania. His mother suggested he go to see "how [Julius] Nyerere is doing" - Huddleston arranged for him to work on a rural diocesan mission in Tanzania then regarded as a model of uncorrupt African socialism. What Mandelson did not discover until nearly a year later, when rifling through his own file while working briefly in the diocesan office in Mwanza, was that Huddleston had secretly promised his fellow bishop that he would pay Peter's board and

lodging for the year out of his own pocket. "I'm happy when I think of all the things around me ... to learn and discuss [he reported in a letter there was someone other than egocentric, sportsfanatical, Canadian engineers and apolitical VSO agromechanics to share it all with. I'm dying for a good bloody argument, a laugh and a glass of whisky: And I wish they wouldn't keep saying 'grace' before they eat. All this religion is positively unhealthy ...'

Mandelson's long, fluent letters to family and friends mixed sharp, detailed and sometimes funny observation with - at times dauntingly comprebensive - meditations on the theory and practice of Nyererean socialism.

They also gave a rather surprising picture of an introspective young man trying earnestly to work through the big questions in politics - and even in

religion. The work at Buhemba planting gum trees was not too hard: he spent an enjoyable Christmas with the missionary, Merry, and his wife Beatrice. Hart at Musoma. Beatrice taught him to make date gingerbread and cakes: "An inward feeling swept through my body ... of the humorous informality, not to say eccentricity, and the refreshing flow of man-

goes, avocados and wholewheat that are the Hart household...

During the Harts' "lavish" Christmas dinner, "I sat next to Mr Method. Merry's appropriately named Swahili teacher, who having been told my full name persistently rather disconcertingly addressed me as 'Mandelson'. Mr Method's English was quite funny on occasions. On being Continued on page 8

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The humanitarian catastrophe in Kosovo – death, grief and extreme suffering for hundreds of thousands of Albanians, Serbs and others - has to be ended now. All refugees from Yugoslavia must immediately and unconditionally be allowed to return to their homes, their security and human rights guaranteed, and aid for reconstruction provided. Perpetrators of crimes against humanity, whoever they are, must be brought to justice.

The fighting between Serbian forces and KLA has to be stopped immediately in order to start a new round of negotiations. All sides must out aside their maximalist demands. There are (as in other numerous similar conflicts such as Northern Ireland) no quick and easy solutions. We all must be prepared for a long and painstaking process of negotiation and normalisation.

The bombing of Yugoslavia by Nato causes destruction and growing numbers of civilian victims (at least several hundred, maybe a thousand, by now). The final outcome will be the destruction of the economic and cultural foundations of Yugoslav society. If continued this conflict can escalate beyond Balkan borders and, if turned into land military operations, thousands of Nato and Yugoslav soldiers, as well as Albanian and Serbian civilians, will die in a futile war, as in Vietnam.

The democratic forces in Serbia have been weakened and the democratic reformist government of Montenegro threatened by Nato's attacks and by the regime's subsequent proclamation of the state of war, and now find themselves between Nato's hammer and the regime's anvil.

We appeal to all: President Milosevic, the representatives of the Kosovo Albanians, Nato, EU and US leaders to stop all military activities immediately and engage in the search for a political solution.

STOJAN CEROVIC Columnist, "Vreme" JOVAN CIRILOV Belorade International Theatre Festival

SONJA LICHT President. Fund for an Open Society Executive Board VERAN MATIC Editor in Chief. Belgrade

VIDA OGNJENOVIC Theatre director, playwright IVAN VEJVODA Executive Director, Fund for an Open Society

and 21 others Belgrade

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Sir: Bruce Young (letter, 20 April) informs us that 200,000 Serbs left their homes and belongings in the Krajina region of Croatia in August 1995 merely because their Serb leaders told them to. In fact, prosecutors at the

Hague War Crimes Tribunal have the names of three Croatian generals who are wanted for the crime of raining shells on the civilian inhabitants of Knin, the main city in Krajina, in August 1995. Such atrocities, and others recorded by human rights agencies, precipitated the Serb

Ethnic cleansing is ethnic cleansing no matter who the perpetrators. Or has the doublethink which Robert Fisk has so outstandingly exposed in The independent gone so far that any

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David Rose

crime can be excused in order to justify the madness of Nato's bombing campaign? KEVIN ÖVENDEN London N16

Sir: Robert Fisk has missed only one point - Kosovo was part of the dominions of King Pyrrhus of

DEREK J COLE St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex

Sir. Nato bombs kill families in their homes; not enough of the bodies left to bury. Accident. Elderly people's residential home hit. Accident. Workers in undefended car and washing machine factories will spend the rest of their lives crippled. Accident. Passengers burnt to death after their train hit by missiles. Accident. Scores killed in attack on refugee convoy. Accident. Casualties to Nato servicemen, none. This looks to me like a massacre. How many of the judges in the Hague are from Nato countries? DAVID WRIGHT

#### Ageism in the NHS

Sir. We are writing in response to the recent Gallup survey commissioned by Age Concern showing that one in twenty people over 65 believe they have been refused treatment by the NHS because of their age (report, 19

While successive governments maintain that treatment is provided on the basis of need there is increasing evidence that older people are losing out. There are unequivocal examples of discrimination against older people within the NHS: 20 per cent of coronary care units operate agerelated admissions policies and 40 per cent attach age restrictions in the giving of clot-busting thrombolytic drug therapy after heart attacks; women over 65 are not routinely invited for breast screening despite evidence that they are at much greater risk of

developing the disease; and there are GPs' surgeries which refuse to see patients over 65.

Many older people are expected to live with treatable conditions and accept them as the symptoms of growing old.

We call on the Government to acknowledge that older people are often discriminated against in the NHS and to conduct a national survey into the extent of age discrimination in the NHS. SALLY GREENGROSS Director General Age Concern England CHRISTINE HANCOCK General Secretary Royal College of Nursing CLAIRE RAYNER

President Patients' Association Sir STEWART SUTHERLAND

Royal Commission on Long Term

London SW16

#### Adoption obstacles Sir: Two matters related to the

well-being of children which you have recently aired in your columns are not unrelated: the prevalence of abuse and the obstructions put in the way of couples anxious to adopt.

Sir: Peter Sayers (letter, 20

with common sense. More

National Lottery was designed

people winning smaller sums -

enough to pay a bill or settle a

socially useful. Unfortunately,

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ELAINE D HOPKINSON

Sir: Alan J Page (letter, 20

April) says it should be an

Cropton, North Yorkshire

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few. Whilst this chance exists,

poorer people can be soothed

often make excellent mothers for small babies: but they are less competent in coping with obstreperous toddlers, especially when they enter into - as they naturally will - new liaisons with men who are not the fathers of their children. Where social workers have gone

themselves to become pregnant

Single girls who allow

off the rails in relation to adoption is in attempting to set absolute standards of suitability when they should be deciding between the actual options available at the time for the placement of a particular child; the unobtainable best becoming the enemy of an achievable good, however less than perfect. There is also a lot to be said for

the two "mothers" meeting before the handover. No natural mother can be happy in transferring her child to the care of an unknown stranger, while the adopting mother needs to be able to say to the child that the natural mother handed him/her over for their sake, not hers, and was in tears at parting

The nation simply cannot afford - morally, socially or financially – to allow considerable numbers of its children to be damaged beyond repair. It is absurd to be spending

IN BRIEF

offence to prescribe the Pill to

girls under the age of 16. If Mr

refused the Pill will dissuade a

girl from having under-age sex.

he is naive. The law has little or

of peer pressure and the desire

to appear adult. Cigarettes and

under-age people because they

cause physical harm. The Pill

is legal because it is a force for

good: namely the prevention of

alcohol are illegal to sell to

unwanted pregnancies.

BEN BAWDEN

Godalming, Surrey

no influence against the force

Page believes that being

huge amounts of NHS money on fertility when so many children are being conceived and reared in circumstances that militate against their achieving real maturity. These are our children whose work as adults will furnish our pensions. We are being neither hard-headed nor soft-hearted enough to cope with their needs sensibly.

JOHN A DAVIES Professor Emeritus of Paediatrics, University of Cambridge

#### Fathers at home

Sir: Why does Owen Whitaker believe it is not instinctive for a father to care for his children "When Dad's left holding the baby", 19 April ? Presuming childcare is naturally a woman's responsibility and desire is exactly the sort of attitude that makes it difficult for men to stay at home

whilst their partners work. I write this while my 20-monthold son sleeps upstairs, the baby monitor at my side and my wife at work pursuing her very important

Like Owen Whitaker, I have found  $\Gamma$ m the odd one out as a house-husband. People assume I

Sir: Your review of Bella

Liahthouse Stevensons (17

April) states that the line

ended with Thomas's son, the

Stevenson. This may be where

the book ends, but another two

cousins David A and Charles,

the sons of Thomas's brother

David, were succeeded by D

Alan, the son of Charles. (See A

Star for Seamen by Craig Mair,

John Murray, 1978). No wonder

RLS was proud of his family's

achievements. RONA WIGHTMAN

London SW4

Bathurst's book The

writer Robert Louis

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Northern Lights: RLS's

seen as natural instinctive "hunter-gatherers" pursuing

am looking for work, that I am

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really me. But I don't feel a lack of

self-respect. I feel proud to care for

My main need is for this to be

seen as natural and normal and to

be treated as all other carers are.

And if men are seen as natural

instinctive carers women can be

MARKJEFFRIES Congleton, Cheshire

husband

#### Commons privilege

Sir: The news (report, 20 April) Commons has refused to make the decision to restore the Newark seat to the duly elected MP after the Court of Appeal had quashed her earlier conviction, but has instead referred it to the High Court, is greatly regrettable. In an ordinary court of law,

there has been guidance by the Court of Appeal as regards the giving and taking of expert advice; but in matters relating to the Houses of Parliament, each House is "its own master" and no court in the land could challenge these prerogatives or conventions.

I am sure that the late Lord Chief Justice Edward Coke would turn in his grave to learn from whatever place he is dwelling now that the current Speaker of the Commons has refused to exercise her authority in the conduct of the business of the House. In the early 17th century he wrote in his Institutes (4th volume, p36): "Of the power and jurisdiction of Parliament, for making laws in proceedings by Bill, it is so transcendent and absolute, as it cannot be confined either for causes or persons within any

The case of Fiona Jones at the present time is purely a procedural matter for the House of DAVID C de MASSEY Ely. Cambridgeshire

#### Cost of the car

Sir: While applauding Andreas Whittam Smith's publicising the car-free exhibition at the Oxo Tower (Comment, 19 April), I was struck by the extraordinary lengths some drivers want us to go before they will abandon their motors. I was surprised no one has yet suggested a rickshaw (powered by the unemployed) waiting outside every house.

Those of us who have never owned a car or have given up know that life is already entirely supportable in urban areas without a car. The financial savings are, of course, enormous so that when a motor is needed we have the means to pay for a taxi.

Increase investment in public transport by all means, but don't give hardened motorists the ability to argue that they could not start to wean themselves off their cars straight away. GEOFFREY THOMPSON London SE13

Sir: Andreas Whittam Smith savs. "Never forget the massive advantages car ownership provides." What he means is the perceived and marketed advantages, the images produced by advertising men of clifftop roads and empty cities where you can park right outside your place of work.

He fails to mention the massive disadvantages of car ownership for the urban user. It costs a fortune (depreciation, tax, insurance, fines, repairs and servicing, petrol); it is inconvenient (traffic, lack of parking, fear of theft, you cannot consume alcohol); it is unhealthy (no exercise, the radiator sucks pollution into the vehicle interior). This is without even going into the disadvantages of car ownership for society.
WILLIAM KAIL London N16

Sir: Andreas Whittam Smith has a little sideways dig at Welwyn Garden City, suggesting it is too

spread out for our own good. WGC is not the most exciting place in the world – the centre dies by 6pm – but as a cyclist I can tell you that it is hike-sized. On mine today I have visited the local hospital, shopped in the town centre, cycled out to a pub for a glass or maybe two and all without raising a sweat or tiring my elderly legs. MIKE WALKER Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire

#### **Archers on target**

Sir: Who can have come to write your piece on Michael Powell (Accidental Heroes of the Twentieth Century, 17 April) without knowing that the great Colonel Blimp in Powell and Pressburger's film was Roger Livesey?

Without Livesey's humane performance. The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp would have been the brittle satire Powell first planned, when he meant to cast Olivier as Blimp. (Anton Walbrook's role, of course, was as Blimp's lifelong German friend.) Livesey's interpretation of Blimp. funny, moving, romantic, idealistic out-of-date, yet becomes the finest character in the film.

**Emeric Pressburger and Roger** Livesey were both essential to Michael Powell, a unique and brilliant director but a man who though fascinated by good and evil often failed to tell the difference. It was Pressburger who gave human understanding to the whole wonderful run of the Archers' films. Only after the end of their partnership did Powell's obsessive solo essay Peeping Tom somewhat dismay and disperse his following. London W8

#### Killing with style

Sir: I note with interest your current series of photographs of a bullfighting school. What next? The bear-baiters of Pakistan learning how to pull claws out with panache, or the badger-batters of middle England perfecting a stylish swipe with a spade? MARGARET V DARMODY Leamington Spa, Warwickshire

## Excuse me! Could I have a minute of your time, please?

Very Unusual Jobs Indeed No 44 in our series

A professor of domestic mathematics

Stephen Hope-Bastable is professor of domestic mathematics at Milton Keynes University. But what is domestic maths? Is it really different from any other kind of maths? And where on earth did a new kind of maths come from when we weren't looking?

"Oh, come on !" says the ebullient Professor Hope-Bastable. The public is always ready for another kind of maths. Ten years ago nobody had heard of 'chaos theory', and now they accept it. They haven't the faintest idea what it is, but they accept it. I hope they will do the same for domestic maths."

And what is domestic maths

when it is at home? "It is a recognition that imprecision has its own value," says Professor Hope-Bastable, warming

to his subject. "It is a recognition of the fact that when the average human uses numbers, he gets vague and fuzzy, and that it doesn't motter. For instance, when we say to a friend that we will see them in 'a minute', we don't actually mean a minute, do we? We don't literally mean in 60 seconds. It could mean five minutes or 10 minutes. It almost never is a minute. But it is almost always obvious from the context what is meant, and the

other person usually knows. "Same in cookery, when we say 'a pinch of salt' or 'a knob of butter'. Same with the word 'couple'. Couple means, literally, two. But

when we say that we'll be down in 'a couple of minutes', or that I've got to go to the shops to get 'a couple of things', we never mean. literally, two. Could be anything up

to half a dozen. "And it gets better than that. Sometimes we say in a couple of ticks' or 'in a couple of shakes', where 'couple' doesn't mean 'couple' and 'ticks' and 'shakes' don't mean anything at all. Yet we always know exactly what is meant, don't we?"

Does that mean that vagueness has its own integrity?

"And I'll tell you another thing." says Professor Hope-Bastable, ignoring the question with all the enthusiasm of a teacher used to addressing a captive audience, domestic maths reveals that we very often ask the wrong question,



**MILES KINGTON** 

uses numbers, he gets vague and fuzzy, and it doesn't matter

When the average human

and therefore get the wrong answer. For instance, if you were getting some washing out of the

tumble dryer, and found you had, number! Only a vaguely correct tions, any more than you can divide not a pair of light blue socks but three light blue socks, what would be your first thought?"

I'd probably think: "Where did that third sock come from?"

"Exactly! But what you should ask, of course, is: Where did the fourth blue sock disappear to?' You see? Same facts; different question. Makes all the difference. Here's another one: how many balloons do you tie on your gatepost to signify you're having a party? Half a dozen? Ten? Twelve? More?

"You see, you don't know, do you? Actually, all you can say with certainty is that it should be more than one - because one balloon tied to a gatepost is just sad - and less than 100, because 100 balloons would look silly. But what is the correct number? There is no correct

number. It's like asking: 'How many sections are there in a

newspaper?" Right. So, how many sections are

there in a newspaper? "Only one. Whatever the editor may think, a newspaper is a newspaper and doesn't have sections. Only bits that fall out,"

What about the business section? Isn't that a section?

*Well, occasionally the business ages are printed separately, but that doesn't make them a separate section. What about a newspaper that has its business news in the body of the paper? The business coverage may be just as good. even though it's not a section. And which bit of the Financial Times is the business section? No, you can't really subdivide a paper into secthe year into seasons," But we do divide the year into seasons!

"Yes. Odd, isn't it? Who says that there are four seasons in a year? Two I could understand. The cold bit and the hot bit. The wet bit and the dry bit. But four? Why do we give a separate seasonal name to the transitional periods? In some cultures, autumn is just the end of summer, and not a separate season

at all. You see...'

Let's leave the professor there. Let's tiptoe out of the room and leave him talking. Because, according to domestic maths, if I've got this right, the talker and the listener can sometimes be the same person. And in this instance it seems better that way.

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## Technology of the microchip will not end animal cruelty

THE CURRENT boom in animal-based docu-soaps, with the plethora of programmes such as Animal Hospital, Animal Police and Wildlife Police, has brought one unexpected benefit in its wake - other that is, than a boost to the career of Rolf Harris.

The sight of ducks going under the anaesthetic and of iguanas in slings has made us much more conscious of animal welfare and correspondingly more willing to report incidents of cruelty to the relevant authorities. This, rather than any underlying surge in sadism, seems to be the reason why the number of convictions for cruelty rose by 17.5 per cent last year.

We should welcome the success of such prosecutions, and the increasing willingness of magistrates to use heavy penalties. But, as the RSPCA has emphasised, the perpetrators of many of the most horrific crimes remain unprosecuted because they cannot be traced. The RSPCA believes that, by encouraging the use of microchips to tag pets, the incidence of animal cruelty will be reduced because owners will be linked to the creatures in their care. The RSPCA may be overstating its case.

"Chipping" is, of course, a good idea and has already been embraced by many responsible owners. It makes for a more responsible ethos of pet ownership and it helps to trace stray animals.

The decision by the Government to launch a pilot scheme for "pet passports", whereby chipped animals with inoculations become exempt from this country's onerous quarantine regulations, has given the existing voluntary schemes some extra impetus. Some 700,000 animals are now fitted with microchips.

But, useful as all this may be, it is impossible to envisage that those owners who are most likely to neglect or maltreat the animals in their care would go to the trouble and expense of having their pets chipped.

The only circumstances in which you could imagine their doing so would be if chipping were to be made compulsory, backed up by the law and some hefty deterrents. It would also have to be backed up by heavy policing. How else could you detect the absence of an invisible chip than by frequent spot checks by the constabulary or by local authority dog-catchers?

It is hard to justify devoting vast new resources even to so worthy a cause as animal welfare when there is so little prospect of the guilty being caught.

The Government is setting up a working party on the permanent identification of dogs, via microchips or tattoos. It should be given every encouragement to devise a workable scheme that overcomes the many valid objections. But we should be under no illusion that its deliberations are likely to bring an early end to cruelty to animals.



#### A new chance for Indian democracy

INDIA'S CONGRESS party is facing a prodigious task if it is to win enough parliamentary backing to form the country's next government. Having led the country to independence and ruled it for most of the past 50 years, Congress is the most likely successor to the 13-month-old coalition government led by the Hindu nationalist Bharativa Janata Party (BJP). The coalition lost a confidence motion earlier this week by one vote.

Congress, however, has only 139 MPs, well short of the 271 it needs to form a government. Its pool of future leaders is so uninspiring that the party has had to turn to Sonia Gandhi, the Italian-born wife of the assassinated Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, in the hope that her famous surname will give the party some electoral charisma.

But the increase of corruption and regionalism without ideology that has blighted Indian politics has not disappeared with the collapse of the BJP coalition. The BJP was defeated when it lost the support of the 18 MPs from a South Indian party run by Jayaram Jayalalitha. The film actress turned politician is famous not only for her collection of 10,500 saris and 350 pairs of shoes but also for bribes she is alleged to have taken while chief minister of the southern state of Tamil Nadu. She decided to pull out of the government coalition when the BJP refused to sack the present governor of Tamil Nadu, where she and her associates face 48 corruption charges.

The BJP's government was mainly, but not all, bad. It did little to prevent a wave of violence against Christians and continued with nuclear testing. However, it did manage to negotiate February's Lahore Accord with Pakistan, in which India and Pakistan agreed to give advance warning of missile tests. The BJP government brought a measure of stability to India and showed the

Congress that it had a fight on its hands. The decision by Congress to pass the BJP's budget has buoyed up the Indian stock-market and gained plaudits for its responsibility. What it really proves is that the parties essentially agree on the economic management of the country.

None the less, it does matter who is in power. The insurance industry, roads and rail all need to be modernised if the economy is to grow. Improvements to India's ailing infrastructure cannot occur without government backing; government backing is impossible when policy is in the hands of short-lived, bickering coalitions.

India's bureaucrats and superb judiciary have saved the country from the army coups and hyper-inflation of South East Asia and South America. But while the economy is still largely run by bureaucrats, it is unable to fulfil its subcontinent-sized potential. India may need to change its political system to the French model - with its combination of president and prime minister - if Indian democracy is to pull out of its spiral of descent.

## If the Tories didn't exist, would we really need to invent them?

IF IT isn't too rude to ask, what is the ally don't know what it is that I belong Tory party for? It is doing its best to confuse us about the answer. As the 20th anniversary of Margaret Thatcher's first victory looms, William Hague is preaching something called missed as just another existential wob-kitchen-table Conservatism: what it ble by a depressed member of the back means I cannot tell you. But let us not benches. He rose and thrived as a worry too much - there is sure to be another relaunch along soon.

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Now Peter Lilley has decided that the proper response to the continuing doldrums is to howl remorse for the ideology of the past. It is not a pretty sight. On the same day, the Centre for Policy Studies publishes a guide to the future by the Conservatives' former advertising guru Maurice Saatchi and the economist Peter Warburton. They predict that voters will become disillusioned with Labour because: "Taxes are always going up but the Government never seems to have enough to spend on the good things like health and education."

The pair then call for greater independence from government and better incentives for individuals and groups to take initiatives. It is a recognisably clear, dry Conservative position. The only trouble is that is almost diametrically opposed to Mr Lilley's call for Tories to stop fighting for free market causes. Conservatives are starting to occasion an unfamiliar emotion in me: pity. One friend, a lifelong activist who has spent years canvassing Labour voters with large dogs in unwinnable seats, and eaten more rubber chicken than the human digestive system can be expected to take, called after the reports of Mr Lilley's mea culpa and said simply, "I re-

Mr Lilley is deputy leader of the party and responsible for reviewing policy, so his comments cannot be dis-Thatcherite of the purest water. On the scale of great recantations, his call for the Tories to move away from market principles in health and education is a bit like Galileo announcing that the sun did go round the earth after all. But then, Galileo had the Inquisition to worry about; Mr Lilley, the last I heard, was not similarly threatened.

The source of his intimidation lay elsewhere - in the focus groups which report that the public does not trust the Tories on the NHS and on the welfare state. But then, the public never did, all through the years of Conservative electoral dominance. Voters simply believed that the Tory party was cruel but efficient. Now they believe it is cruel but inefficient. Conservatism has what its social worker would call low self-esteem. Hence the desperate slash and burn operation on its old beliefs. At this rate, the faithful will be reduced to watching bootleg videos of Thatcher's speeches in bunkers.

Officials point out that expenditure on health and education actually rose faster under the Tories than under Labour This admission used to pain Mr Lilley greatly: I remember that he took pride in responding that the rate at which spending rose was slowing down. Now the party has taken to presenting what it once con-



**ANNE MCELVOY** 

Mr Hague is preaching about 'kitchen-table Conservatism': what it means I cannot tell you

sidered its failure to curb state spending as a virtue, which is a bit like telling suspicious dinner guests that the souffle is really meant to be that flat. All defeated parties have to come

to terms with the shift in political realities. This is what Mr Lilley is attempting to do in returning to the explicit acceptance that state education, the publicly funded NHS and a comprehensive social security system are untouchables. This is the ground the Tories occupied between the times of Rab Butler and Edward Heath. Thatcherism was as much a response to the dead-handed corporate statism of Heath as it was a revolt against the left. The Mr Lilley of 1999 has taken up cudgels against his

20 years younger self. Why? Here is a forensic and intelligent politician who understood the full im-

pact of New Labour rather earlier than ing on Conservatives to accept old his more bumptious front-line colleagues. He has always admired Peter Mandelson's role in modernising the Labour Party, so much so that he once pointed out Mr Mandelson to me at a very loud party with the words, "That man used to be my pin-up." At least I thought that's what he said. When I passed on the compliment to Mr Mandelson, the then minister rolled his eyes and said, "What he really said was that I used to be his pair." It was a grave disappointment to discover that the two had merely been twinned in the Commons system that allows MPs a night off voting now and then.

Today, however, New Labour really is Mr Lilley's pin-up. There is only one example of a party recanting so much of its past and becoming more attractive to the voters and that, of course, is the Labour Party of Tony Blair. But the position of Mr Hague's party after the 1997 defeat is only superficially analogous with that of the Labour Party after 1979. The Tory Party changed the terms of the argument in Britain about economics, trade-union legislation and the role of the state. It moved the consensus in a direction of privatisation and lowering labour costs which many other countries have chosen to follow and adapt. Mr Blair was in the fortunate position of being able to take on great swaths of the Thatcherite settlement and add some popular alleviations such as the minimum wage, limited rights to trade-union representation and a slightly more redistributive

emphasis in taxation. Mr Lilley on the other hand, is call-

pieties about the role of the state which lag behind events, rather than point the way ahead. His call for a return to acceptance of the post-war welfare state and a publicly funded NHS is out of date. even in New Labour thinking. If throwing money at education worked, we would have the best schools in Europe. We do not. If the NHS could keep up with rising demand simply by expanding the amount decanted from GDP into it year on year, then that is what the Government would do.

But Mr Blair knows that these are not adequate responses to the problems of our public services. There is nothing sacrosanct about the state. It is a delivery system for services. When it fails to deliver, as too many schools and too many sectors of the NHS do, we should look at alternatives. The Government accepts this in opening the way to privatising failing schools. It is already preparing to remove service provision from local authorities that under-perform. I have not yet noticed a popular backlash under the banner "Spare our council the indignity of scrutiny".

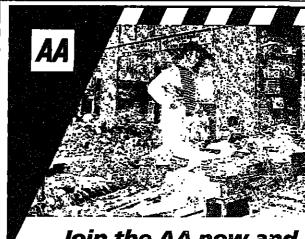
It is still unpopular to say so, but I believe that the Government will, in time, impose some NHS charges in order to free funds to maintain the quality of essential services. These are the debates that will really shape the future of our public services. Late converts to the comforting certainties of the welfare state from a Tory Party down on its luck do it no service. These are different times. They're so Old Labour, these old Thatcherites.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If we have been successful once. we can be successful again." Alex Salmond, leader of the SNP, on the potential of the Scottish economy

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It is your business when the wall next door catches fire." Horace (Quintus Horatius Flaccus), Roman poet



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achieved up to now is not impressive; not when measured against original intentions. Schröder was offered the chance to change this with the Reichstag building, but he prefully achieved. Gerhard ferred to stick to Helmut Kohl's optimism.

is playing the lottery, he talks BERLIN IS not simply an enor-

Berliner Zeitung

## **MONITOR**

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD German reaction to the opening of the Reichstag in Berlin

watching to see that federalism only play an important role mous conglomeration of cranes is not subverted by the domiabout his dead, control and diggers. Politically it also nant capital. Yet, in trading haps some small miracle may resembles a workshop or build- and financial terms, the capi- Handelsblatt

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the reopening of the Reichstag building may well reassure all of those Germans who, for various reasons, were afraid of THE CONCERN that a sover-Berlin and a possible "Berlin The opening of the Reich-

THIS SIMPLE beginning with of our important parliamentary

buildings.

stag was, thankfully, a celebration without overkill and embarrassments - apart from the handover of a giant symbolic key, which had overtones of the opening of a local savings bank rather than one

eign Germany could lose its sense of proportion is hardly justified, and yet it is necessary. Bonn does not deserve ridicule and scorn. We are continuing Bonn in Berlin and we are beginning something new in a house of democracy oriented towards the future.

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for inter-staff japes, its matey closeness to its audience, its respect for English traditions, its partisanship.

Aggers and Blowers and move them wholesale to 1089am. That's the logical outcome in a free market where the BBC has set the prices - and the tone - for too long.

## **PANDORA**

SEX GODDESS Diana Dors New Labour's "rapid (pictured) continues to climb response" command and in the iconography of control system, crashed. Yes, celebrity. Next week, ITV will for the past seven days the run a two-night special on the Milibank machine has not game dame. And next month been responding, rapidly or the biographer Damon Wise otherwise. Party control will publish Come by Sunday freaks went ballistic after a (Pan, £6.99), a candid portrait faulty SCSI card committed of the blonde English digital suicide. SCSI (Small bombshell. One scene places Computer Serial Interface) the comedian Bob crashes are serious events: Monkhouse at a sybaritic "A malfunctioning card can party thrown by Dors and her wipe out all the data on the first husband Dennis hard disk," says our resident Hamilton at their Chelsea geek. Milibank now claims home. Monkhouse, then 24, the fault has been sorted, and watched blue movies before denies that any data has been finding himself in a bedroom lost. But do we trust the Millbank Mafia to put their with a mirrored ceiling. There the young scriptwriter hands up to a wipe-out? became entangled with a female party guest. He noticed "something not quite CAPRICE WAS spotted leaving Damien Hirst's right" about his new friend's boudoir behaviour. Hamilton "Pharmacy" boite the other subsequently invited Pandora understands: Monkhouse to an upstairs

night with a stockbroker. sometimes a girl needs a room where the comedian vigorous late-night review found himself looking down of her investment portfolio. through the other side of the mirror. But this was one performance Uncle Bob CAN THIS be true? The Indian decided to give a miss. prime ministerial contender Sonia Gandhi is Italian. In any

roll on Notting Hill the

movie, Hugh Grant and

Julia Roberts are shown

sitting on a park bench;

frame: Hugh's peruse?

Roger Michell is

next feature.

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ALEX KINGSTON finishes her

ER this week. She's been in a

new film, Essex Boys, playing

two-month sabbatical from

a foxy gangster's moll. So

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dice, chunky tom and denim

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ER star says. "A lot of the

Essex girls I talked to, I

couldn't tell whether they

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JUST BEFORE the credits case, rich, educated Indians think she's a busted flush. But poor rural peasant types are dazzled - to them Gandhi is a brand. Julia gazes gooily at Hugh as he reads a book. Freeze SEEN ON a 24 bus the Captain Corelli's Mandolin.

other day, travelling from the West End to North London: Mamma Mia director Phyllida Lloyd, talking on her mobe. Can't see Trevor Nunn on a double-decker, can you?

OZZIE DJ Jonathan Coleman waxes lyrical on trendy nooks'n'crannies in a London freesheet this week. Heart FM's resident bon viveur confides that he shops in St John's Wood and shakes his thang in Kensington. But something's missing, Jono opines: "Streetside rotisseries

- I'm sure they'd do as well as in Australia." He obviously hasn't included in his recent ramblings Notting Hill, South Ken or Chelsea where he would find... streetside rotisseries.

**GLOSSY POSSE bible Tutler** used to run a funny column called "Single Girl's Diary", in many ways the precursor of Helen Fielding's winning Bridget Jones phenomenon. "Single Girl's Diary" was the brainchild of Kate Morris, a lively and entertaining femme

who sold the film rights to Granada. The film's in pause mode, but Morris's single life is **not**. This week she marries the photographer Luke White in London. happy endings.

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## Let's hear it for the cricket bunny

A SHOCK tremor like a Mexican wave at Lord's has reverberated across the civilised world with the news that Talk Radio - the national station bought last year by Kelvin MacKenzie at the head of a consortium that included Rupert Murdoch - has outbid the BBC for the rights to broadcast the English cricket team's winter Test series against South Africa and Zimbabwe.

It will be the first ball-by-ball Test cricket coverage broadcast by a commercial station instead of the Beeb, and is the most recent in a series of heavyweight sporting rights acquisitions made by the wily MacKenzie in the last six months. It's only one Test series, and not even a home Test at that - you won't get Talk Radio banners flying over Edgbaston, Headingley, Trent Bridge, Lord's or the Oval. Mackenzie hasn't hijacked the cricket World Cup (not yet, anyway). But there was no mistaking the upset-ness in the air when the news

broke yesterday morning. On Today, James Naughtie kept repeating to himself that the BBC had lost its Test coverage, sounding like a man in a nasty stupor. The



#### **JOHN** WALSH

A nation shudders - test match coverage could be in the hands of Kelvin MacKenzie

BBC's rights-buyer was grilled about his failure to win the auction, as a brigadier might have been upbraided, a century ago, for his failure to hold Mafeking.

Kelvin MacKenzie complained about the BBC's monopolistic "tax" on its licence-payers. Tony Banks. the Sports Minister, came on the air to sidetrack the argument into football rights. The words "thin edge of the wedge" hovered overhead. Why should the purchase of a five-day cricket match bother us so much? For fear that it won't stop here: anyone who has heard MacKenzie in mid-rant about the BBC knows he won't be happy until he's bought up the rights to every Test next century, and the headquarters of the Test and County Cricket Board as well. It will mean the end of Test Match Special.

As much an English institution as Gentleman's Relish, Burlington Arcade and Desert Island Discs, Test Match Special defies logic. From 10.45am until stumps at any time after 7pm, it fills the day with hyper-precise yet baffling descriptions ("Atherton takes a flash as it passes just wide of the off-stump") of the slowest game in the world. Over its 42-year history, a panel of commentators with reductive nicknames - Henry "Blowers" Blofeld, Trevor "The Boil" Bailey, Jonathan "Aggers' Agnew, Christopher "CMJ" Martin-Jenkins and the late, now sainted, John Arlott and Brian Johnston - filled in the many longueurs with Flannel Radio: chat

about batting statistics, banter over

listeners' letters and gifts of homemade cakes, interviews with cricketing greats and practical jokes.

Once, a fellow commentator altered the biographical details of James Judd - conductor of the Hallé Orchestra - so that Johnston found himself asking the great man about his pet ferrets, his sponsorship by Weetabix, and how he came to compose the theme music to Every Which Way But Loose.

And now (a nation shudders) Test match coverage could be in the hands of MacKenzie. If the former editor of The Sun could fill a nobudget, no-audience TV station with tasteless and barmy wheezes - topless darts, the News Bunny, the weather read in Norwegian by a Nordic bombshell, Samantha's Big City Tips, in which questionable advice about share movements was given by a young woman who gradually shed her upper garments what might he do with a key sporting event, a potentially huge

Can we expect to hear the promised line-up of Geoff Boycott, John Emburey and Phil Tufnell making tasteless anti-Afrikaaner

audience and a mountain of wonga?

November? Will a seductive female voice explain the concept of the "follow-on" while removing her clothes, unseen? In the event of a leg-before decision, will the studio resound with carnival music and cries of "Gotcha!"? And what of the likely quality of the broadcasts, given the fiasco of Talk Radio's Lewis-Holyfield coverage, in which Chris Eubank, Frank Bruno and Jim Rosenthal virtually ditched all com-

jokes about the host nation in

mentary in favour of premature celebration of Lewis's "win". It would be wrong to be snotty about MacKenzie's bold move. Test Motch Special is a fine institution, but it isn't a flower of high culture. Indeed, it fits rather well with the MacKenzie world view in its obsession with sexual innuendo ("legovers", "flashers"), its fondness

Talk Radio must buy a job lot of

## Why we are not wrong to compare Milosevic to Hitler

FERGAL KEANE'S article in Saturday's Independent was a powerful denunciation of Slobodan Milosevic's catastrophic impact on all the peoples of the former Yugoslavia. But his objection to comparisons between Milosevic and Hitler are wrong, though Fergal is obviously right to point out that, unlike Hitler who had slaughtered half the world's Jewish population before his death, Milosevic "does not care one way or the other about the survival of the Albanian race".

Those of us who have made the comparisons between Milosevic and Hitler are not comparing the situation at the end of Hitler's period in power, but the methods by which he rose to power and engulfed Europe in war Like Hitler with the Jews. Milosevic has inflamed and exploited the fears of some Serbs about their Muslim and Croat neighbours in order to rise to power. As with boundaries of Germany to incorporate all Germans living in neighbouring lands, so Milosevic invaded first Slovenia and Croatia, followed by Bosnia, in order to incorporate all Serbs in a state under his control. Now he is driving the Albanians out of Kosovo in order to find living space for Serb refugees who are the con-

sequence of his wars of aggression. When Milosevic first sent his armoured columns into Slovenia and Croatia in 1991 I was the first member of Parliament to call for air strikes to defeat his aggression. Air strikes alone at that point might have been enough to deter his future plans, or even lead to his overthrow

in Belgrade. Unfortunately the response of Britain and America was to hope that the problem would go away. Those of us who had no doubt about Milosevic's long-term strategy watched the Tory foreign secretary



## LIVINGSTONE

It was public pressure that prevented Chamberlain backing down in the face of Hitler's aggression

Douglas Hurd's Chamberlainesque performances in the House of Commons with contempt. Recognising as a weakness our aversion Hitler's demand to extend the to any decisive action, Milosevic ploughed on to unleash the worst genocide in Europe in 50 years, as his thugs butchered their way through the Muslim and Croat populations of Bosnia.

Once again Britain and America were loath to intervene and it was only when television captured the image of starving Bosnians in concentration camps that the world, including Russia, decided they must stop the slaughter. The same pattern was repeated in Kosovo.

Just as the world objected to Hitler's attacks on German Jews throughout the Thirties, so once again we deplored the suppression of the Kosovan parliament but were not prepared to take action throughout the last decade as almost all the Albanian Kosovars were stripped of their rights to education and work in their own land.

The Nato intervention against Milosevic is a response to growing public revulsion at the way that George Bush, Bill Clinton and John Major stood by and did nothing to help the people of Kosovo throughout this last decade, and a determination that it should not happen again. This is an eerie echo of the situation when Germany invaded Poland and it was only the greatest public pressure that prevented Chamberlain from backing down in the face of Hitler's aggression.

It is these facts that have led many of us to draw parallels between Hitler and Milosevic based on hard historical facts. But Fergal Keane makes another charge, which is that the Holocaust was "the greatest evil of our century", "the crime of crimes", and that Hitler was "a singular figure of evil" who "made all other war aims secondary to the extermination of the Jewish race".

extermination of the Jews was the the systematic genocide of the Jewish people was not even planned until well after the start of the Second World War. Hitler's immediate war aims were to secure dominance in western Europe, and to drive out all the Slavic and Jewish peoples of Eastern Europe to create Lebensroum for "overcrowded Germany". This was why Hitler desired a deal with Britain in which he would leave the British Empire intact if we were prepared to leave him with a free run of Europe.

Like Fergal Keane, I was brought up to believe that the Holocaust was a unique evil surpassing anything before or since in human history.

While I understand the pain and horror that has led so many to make this claim, it is a myth that prevents us from understanding how easy it is for politicians and the people they lead to sink into geno-



toman Empire, which decided at the start of the First World War to eliminate the Armenian minority who occupied what is now north-eastern Turkey. Not only does almost no child learn of the Armenian holocaust, but we still tolerate the present Turkish government's systematic denial of the existence of a Kurdish minority

As the Hutus of Rwanda unleashed their project to eliminate the entire Tutsi race, the world saw that these were not simply the plans of a few dictators but involved tens of thousands of ordinary Hutus who were prepared to chop their neighbours to death. In one case the terrifying spectacle of a Catholic nun leading the butchery was a clear sign that a belief in Christian doctrine is no safeguard against being drawn into the slaughter.

in south-west Turkey.

cidal evil. As Hitler drew up his plans in Cambodia. Stalin's attempts to ourable objectives.

for the destruction of Judaism, he eliminate or displace several minorwrote: "after all, who now remem- ities living within the Soviet Union, It is simply not the case that the bers the Armenians?" This was a the bloodletting between Hindus, reference to the policy of the Ot- Muslims and Sikhs that has been unleashed on more than one occasion in the Indian subcontinent, it is quite clear that within this century alone genocide has been a frequent instrument of policy.

Throughout the Cold War both sides were prepared to tolerate abominable regimes; in President Roosevelt's immortal words, "they may be sons of bitches but they're our sons of bitches".

Now, Jack Straw's decision to extradite General Pinochet and the intervention to stop Milosevic eliminating his Albanian minority could be the first steps to creating a global resolve that those with power are not allowed to abuse it with impunity within their own borders. We need to take military action, but we should also avoid the use of depleted uranium shells and anti-personnel cluster bombs. We can then start to When we consider Pol Pot's convince the world that Nato's slaughter of one-sixth of his people actions in the Balkans have hon-

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## The virus that has invaded the Left NO ONE detests aerial bom- caudillo during Franco's

bardments more than I do, even those who, as Nato's high command insists, cause the minimum "collateral damage" (loss of civilian lives). [As a child, the author experienced Franco's 1938 bombardment of Barcelona, an attack in which his mother was killed.) However, amid the confused

babble of voices and the flood of images produced by the Kosovo tragedy, we risk confusing effects with causes, seeing the human problem of the refugees as distinct from an "ethnic cleansing" planned since the 1919 Versailles Treaty created the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

Since 1992, it has been apparent to anyone familiar with the Serbian ultra-nationalist that the Kosovo ethnocide was inevitable. I remember the Le Pen against immigrants. shock I felt at the start of the outrageous pan-Serbian propaganda campaign, an intensive power game in the remains of the Yugoslav Federation. The words of Milosevic, still a Communist, could have been those of any bishop or Falangist

"Crusade of Salvation".

Franco's rhetoric, his aggressive and ignorant appeal to a mythology supported by all the symbols of Hispanic National Catholicism - the destruction of Holy Roman Spain, resurrection of the fatherland by the efforts of a handful of heroes - had their exact Serbian equivalent.

Milosevic's words evoked in me bitter memories. If, three years later, I went to share with the Bosnians the horrors of their blockade. I did so motivated and compelled by something deeply intimate.

Milosevic's irrational and delirious discourse, full of hatred and scorn for the Bosnian Muslim and the Kosovar Albanian, did not differ greatly ideology embraced by Milosevic from the anti-Semitic diatribes of the Nazis and supporters of

It is, therefore, difficult to understand those who cry out same bag.

against Nato barbarity, their programme of the current pacifist appeals are a façade that puts villains and victims, attackers and attacked, in the Do these philistine virtuosos



WRITERS ON THE WAR JUAN GOYTISOLO

Spanish writer and member of the International Parliament of Writers

hundreds of thousands of Kosovars is caused by their fear of bombardments? Are they still unaware that this was carefully planned by ultra-nationalist Serbs years before the entirely predictable conflict broke out? What kind of virus has invaded the political reason of those floundering on the left, marching with dove-like innocence or loathsome hypocrisy to chants

realise that this peace, and that demanded by Milosevic, is that of the graveyard? Sometimes writers remote

from politics are more concerned with describing and diagnosing evils than with eliminating them. Manuel Puig, for example, whose literary perception of the horrors of the Argentine military dictatorship is worth a hundred speeches and sociopolitical analyses. The same may be said for Luis observations. Borges seems to describe Milosevic in these over events in Kosovo (Nato bombardments included).

"I would hazard a conjecture," he wrote on 23 August 1944, "that Hitler blindly collaborated with those inevitable armies that annihilated him, as dragon mysteriously collabor- cause she was mine". ated with Hercules."

I don't know whether the The International Parliament Hitler and Milosevic are comparable; perhaps the latter doesn't want to conclude his "labours" with a grandiose

more likely end his career before the International Court at The Hague, alongside his Bosnian Serb accomplices and Croat mass-murderers. However, their propaganda machines and their methods of eliminating ethnic undesirables are similar Certainly Hitler's industrial

slaughterhouse was vastly more efficient than the Serbian army and police. But in both cases the peoples who Borges's surprisingly relevant succumb to the grandiloquence of a barbarous discourse, glorifying their own and dedays of horror and indignation stroying the other, can escape from the abyss only after the disappearance of the chief who put them there. Blind love of the fatherland - that synthesis of an abstract homeland and a determined blood group - often leads to absurdities such as the metal vultures and the that of the song "I killed her be-

pathological megalomania of of Writers, created by a global network of authors in 1994. has no set stand on the Kosovar war. At the request of its members, however, it is prosuicide to the accompaniment ducing a series of articles to really believe that the flight of "peace, peace"? Don't they of the music of Wagner, and will give voice to their responses

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# Bringing it all back home



#### **DEBORAH** ORR

In a world of hate and violence, why should I not find a nail bomb on my own doorsteb?

ON THE day after the bombing of Belgrade began, I leapt on to a plane, not as a journalist headed for a war zone, but as a daughter-in-law who was travelling towards the final battle of a single life that was growing more provisional with every hour that I and my family hurtled through the atmosphere.

And there were many of those hours, for my father-in-law had emigrated to Australia nearly 20 years before, disillusioned - socialist unrealist that he was - with the geopolitical exigencies of life in Britain. Born in 1919, into a Europe newly at peace, he had been a committed pacifist all of his life. Among the first of the young men to be called up during the Second World War, he had seen it through as a conscientious objector. Having made his stand so early in the war, he had had no idea of the scale of the horror and evil that would later emerge, although he never really made it absolutely clear whether the wis-dom of hindsight had prompted him to reject his decision.

Certainly he suffered for his choice, as did his family. Many years later, he married a ballsy New York Jew who, by the time their union had become a private war of attrition, could not resist railing at him for standing by and doing nothing as her people were systematically slaughtered.

As he lay on his deathbed, assaulted by cancer and held firmly in the seductive, unforgiving grasp of sister morphine, he knew that at the end of his life span events were picking up where they had left off at the start of it, with bloody, vicious war in the Balkans. So goes this century, and so go so many others before it. Only the terminally ignorant can now fail to be aware that, for the fanatics of the Balkans, the of Kosovo in 1389.

What ran though the mind of Professor Peter Self as he lay dying, for much of the time unable to speak. but still able to hear and to think? That his life as a pacifist had been a life lived very much against the grain of the 20th century was one thing. But what of his life as a distinguished academic, writer and educator? Did he die doubting the true worth of the significant contribution

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The aftermath of last Saturday's bomb which was detonated in a busy shopping precinct in Brixton, south London

he had made to the fragile civilisation of humankind? Was he tempted to contemplate the carnage in Europe and conclude that we never, ever learn? It is a terrible thought, which didn't go away when some days after his funeral I realised that the service had been held on April Fool's Day.

Meanwhile, we had some practicalities to consider. Peter's death and funeral had taken place within a few days of our arrival in Canberra for a three-week visit. So there we were - in this absurd country that so recently and so tenuously had become a white man's country, and whose own land had been ethnically cleansed with the utmost brutality only a few generations before - far away from the war in Europe. We decided to take advantage of the commodity that Australia has more of than anything else, and hit the wide open spaces.

By the time we started driving through the countryside where Mad Max was filmed, we found ourselves having panicky thoughts about World War Three. Maybe we should stay in the bush and live with the blackfellas. The tribe who lived in this country was particularly bloodthirsty. Would I be subjected to circumcision and infibulation?

Would my husband's urethra be vanked out of its fleshy protection, not to be put back until it had been exhaustively tenderised with the blade of a blunt knife?

By the time we'd traversed the continent, and reached the Darwin home of my husband's old friend Kerry, we were feeling pretty spooked. Kerry works for the government as community liaison officer for the leader of the opposition in the Northern Territory. Basically. he spends his time visiting the Aboriginal outstations of the Northern Territory, doing what he can for the dispossessed indigenous people of Australia, while at the same time attempting to persuade them that they really should be voting Labor. Here, among the cultural work-

ers and political activists of Darwin. the Kosovo tragedy was not making much of an impact. These middleclass white lefties are dedicated to the cause of the blackfellas and troubles in East Timor. There, fresh atrocities were taking place on the day we arrived. Massacre, ethnic cleansing, ignored UN resolutions - Darwin was quite the home from

home. Except, of course, that Indonesia is a country that Europe still

feels it can do business with.

One woman, who seemed nonplussed by our wish to devour CNN's coverage of the Kosovo crisis, kindly explained to me that Kosovo to them was like East Timor to us. We had, she'd wager, barely heard of it. I replied that thanks to the not inconsiderable and broadly positive influence of one John Pilger on the media in Britain, we were in fact quite well up on it.

I certainly knew what Pilger's line on Kosovo would be, even though I hadn't seen a British publication for weeks. How odd, I thought, that he is against the use of intervention in Belgrade, but seemingly in favour of it in Jakarta. Can UN violence really be so much more moral than Nato violence? Does it have to follow that the involvement of the US in any conflict unsalvageably tainted?

My own worry about America's idea of itself as the world's policetransfixed by the longstanding man is that since it's so good at misreading the situations it involves itself in, the US should really be a little more backward in coming forward. But that opinion isn't a matter of principle, just of practicality. and I find that many of the left's "principled stands" on war and intervention sound knee-jerky.

Thoughts of violence didn't let up even at the very moment we said goodbye to Australia. As a goinghome present, Kerry gave us a pair of enormous, heavy old boomerangs. They weren't for hunting, he explained to us. These were punishment boomerangs. They were wielded in unison, working down both sides of the body, first breaking both collarbones, last breaking both ankles. After this, the smashed-up miscreant would be pissed on by all the women members of the tribe.

We got on the plane home, punishment boomerangs clanking, finally to see some British newspapers. They did not disappoint. Frederick Forsyth was calling for the unleashing of the dogs of war; Alex Salmond had kissed goodbye to his career by confusing his own unpardonable folly with Nato's; and the Socialist Worker, opportunistic as ever, was taking out ads in the national press and exhorting us to "Stop the bombing! Read Socialist Worker". If only ending wars were

Back home, I switched on the television news. The first, sketchy reports of a new bomb atrocity were being broadcast, this time not in Kosovo. but on the street

Dave Trainer/Reuters where I've spent the vast majority

of my Saturday afternoons over the

last decade. In a world of hate and

violence, why should I not come

home from the other side of the world to find there is a nail bomb on my own doorstep?

Whether or not this was the work of Combat 18 is almost immaterial. The fact that arryone could make a call from the scene of an 18year-old's murder in order to make such a hateful claim is simply more proof, if proof were ever needed, that violent, destructive, murderous hatred is a central part of the human condition. Plenty of modern Britons aren't above a little ethnic cleansing, any more than they were in the last century, when they arrived in Australia,

The only way to protest against this awful truth is Peter's way. But the only way we can really try to bring it to an end is by retaliating in kind. And in this way a peaceful humanity remains out of reach. I'm proud of what Peter did in the war, even though I'm also grateful to all of those who fought. There is no paradox here, any more than there is a paradox in the fact that for the foreseeable future, peace in this world is something that has to be fought for.

## **RIGHT** OF REPLY

JONATHAN HIRST



The vice-chair of the Bar Council answers criticism of the "culture of compensation"

IT IS true that people are much readier to complain than they were in the past and to demand compensation. And, of course, some claims are trivial or ridiculous or even downright dishonest. But that is only part of the story.

There are two main reasons for the growth in complaints. First, the public is no longer deferential to public authority or to the professions. They will not put up with excuses or incompetence.

Second, Parliament has conferred new rights on the individual - rights in employment and rights not to be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, ethnic origin, or disability. These new rights have had a profound consequence for the way women and the ethnic minorities are treated. They will be equally significant for the treatment of the disabled.

Surely, this is something of which we should be proud. If new rights are conferred on the individual, we must expect them to be exercised.

The greatest problem lies with the public sector, especially some local councils and the police. That some public services are ineptly run is not the complainant's fault. It is deplorable that councils are so often found liable for racial and sexual discrimination and for unfair dismissal. The costs to local taxpayers are avoidable and unnecessary. They are a sign of bad management and poor claims-handling. Next year, the European

Convention on Human Rights will open up a new field of enforceable rights. With new rights will come new responsibilities. The challenge for the judiciary and the profession will be to maintain a sensible balance. Of course. the lawvers will be blamed for promoting "unwarranted" claims, but ultimately we are but a reflection of the society in which we all live.

## Heroes of space and time

ERATOSTHENES OF Cyrene was chief librarian of the famous library at Alexandria, and a contemporary of Archimedes, from whom he acquired his knowledge of geometry. His eclectic interests included mapping and measuring things. The chance discovery that there was a well in Cyrene to the bottom of which the sun's light penetrated on the summer solstice enabled him to calculate the circumference of the earth, by measuring the angle of the shadow of a stick set up in Alexandria on the same day. His estimation was remarkably close to the modern figure, and Kitty Ferguson calls him the father of "geodesy": the science of earth measurement.

Another prominent figure in the in-Alexandria was Aristarchus of Samos, tury AD, held sway.



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who published a book of hypotheses that included the "inspired guess" that the earth rotates around the Sun. This wild surmise was flatly contradicted by all observational evidence, and for a further 1,700 years the Earth-centred system of astronomy, most fully formtellectual hothouse of third-century BC ulated by Ptolemy in the second cen-

#### WEDNESDAY POEM

WHY I SKIP MY HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

Because the geeks and jocks were set in stone, I, ground between. Because the girls I ate hinch with are married now, most out of spite - because the ones I spurned are still alone. Because I took up smoking at nineteen, late, and just now quit - because, since then, I've grown, into and out of something they've never known. Because at the play, backstage, on opening night she conjured out of the vast yards of her dress an avocado and a razorblade. slit the one open with the other, flayed the pebbled skin, and offered me a slice

- because I thought that one day I'd say yes. and I was wrong, and I am still afraid.

From Craig Arnold's "Shells", published by Yale University Press (£7.50) in the Yale Younger Poets series

OF THE UNIVERSE

In the black-and-white world of the Urban VIII was a friend who almost school textbook, the Ptolemaic system is plain wrong. But Ferguson points out that all motion is relative, and that it is perfectly possible to construct a mathematically coherent model of the universe with, say, your cat at its centre. It merely makes the sums more convoluted

The Ptolemaic system was highly successful at predicting the movement of heavenly bodies, and until the 16th century was the foundation not just of an educated person's idea of the physical world, but of the human condition. Dante's Divine Comedy is the greatest expression of this world view. The young Galileo, it is intriguing to learn, made something of a name for himself by giving public lectures on the

shape, size and location of Dante's hell The phrase "Copernican revolution" can sound tired, but Ferguson restores a full sense of the seismic change Copernicus engendered: "No period in the evolution of thought about the universe and humankind's place in it has been more complicated or more ultimately decisive than the century and a half following the publication of De Revolutionibus in 1543."

She is equally good at teasing out the story of Galileo's advocacy of Copernicus, and his trial for heresy. The Catholic Church was not initially greatly bothered by the idea (indeed. it had made use of Copernicus's calculations when producing the new Gregorian calendar in 1582), and Pope

certainly knew that Galileo was right. The reasons behind the trial remain mysterious, but one thing is sure. Galileo did not help his own cause by deploying the "pittful defence strategy" of claiming his Dialogo had been misinterpreted and was really pro-Ptolemy. The trial has an iconic status in the history of scientism, and Ferguson makes the sensible observation that the worst they did to him was to hold him under house arrest in his own villa. Stalin's brutal purge of physicists who advocated the Big Bang model of the universe - which implies a beginning, and therefore the possibility of

a creator - is less frequently aired. John Gribbin covers a good deal of the same ground as Ferguson, but in a relatively lacklustre manner. Galileo's trial is covered with a single sentence that sneers vaguely at the Church. Other familiar scientific whipping-hoys are paraded, notably Archbishop James Ussher, whose scriptural studies dated the Creation to 4004 BC. In his elegant essay "Fall in the House of Ussher." Stephen Jay Gould observes that Ussher has become "a symbol of ancient and benighted authoritarianism7 and that "one can scarcely find a textbook in introductory geology that does not take a swipe at Ussher's date". Gould, like

covered certain things about it The latter part of The Birth of



Galileo: accused of heresy

Time concerns the recent kerfuffle about the age of the universe. It successfully conveys the messy, groping world of modern astronomy - one of statistical probabilities and vast computers processing thousands of gigabytes of data. The main bone of contention was between astrophysicists whose work suggested that some star systems might be as old as 18 billion years, and the cosmological camp, who dated the universe as considerably younger. Initial data from the Hubble Space Telescope in 1994 appeared to support the younger age. Working out the Hubble Constant the rate of expansion of the universe) was essential to resolving the conflict, and Gribbin was one of the astronomers at Sussex University who achieved this feat - approximately.

Everyone is now agreed that the oldest star systems are between 10 and 13 billion years old, and that the universe itself is between 13 and 16 billion years old - probably. This seems Ferguson, is capable of imagining a little indecisive to me. At least Archhow the world looked before we dis- bishop Ussher had the courage of his

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# Willi Stoph

architects of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) which was proclaimed in the Soviet Zone of Germany on 7 October 1949 and dissolved on 3 October 1990 when German unity was achieved. He twice served as Chairman of the Council of Ministers (head of government). Of the Communist leaders deposed in the GDR in October/November 1989 Stoph was the longest-serving member of the ruling Politburo of the Socialist Unity Party (SED). He had uninterrupted membership from 1953 onwards.

He was born in Berlin in 1914 and grew up in a working-class milieu. After completing elementary school he took up an apprenticeship in the building industry. He had other interests. In 1928 he joined the youth movement of the Communist Party of Germany (KPD) and in 1931 enrolled in the KPD. He later claimed he had carried on "anti-fascist activities" after the rise of Hitler in 1933. From 1935 to 1937 he completed his compulsory national service in the artillery. He served in the wartime Wehrmacht with the rank of corporal until he was wounded in 1942.

After the fall of Nazism he was appointed to various leading positions in the building industry of the Soviet Zone. In these capacities he worked closely with officers of the Soviet Military Administration whose trust he gained. He also climbed the ladder of the SED serving, 1948-1950, as head of the party's economic policy department. He was then appointed one of the secretaries of the Central Committee of the SED.

As Minister of Interior from May 1952 to June 1955 Stoph was responsible for the GDR's police and penal institutions including the notorious Bautzen, Berlin-Rummelsburg and Waldheim prisons where many

poor conditions. More importantly for his future, he was also responsible for the creation of the GDR armed forces, which were officially disguised as the People's Police in Barracks (KVP). The poor showing of the KVP during the workers' revolt of June 1953 did not appear to damage his career.

At the same time he was in

Stoph joined in Honecker's overthrow in October 1989, and was himself ousted on 7 November. Two days later the Berlin Wall was opened

charge, between July 1953 and November 1955, of the State Security Service (SSD), However, he did not in reality exercise close control over the SSD. After the death of Stalin in 1953, and following the Soviet example, the SSD had lost its separate status and was placed under the jurisdiction of the Interior Ministry. Its head continued to act more or less independently and from November 1955 it once again became the organ of an independent

Ministry for State Security. As Minister for National Defence from 1956 to 1960 Stoph was given the military rank of Army General.

WILLI STOPH was one of the political prisoners were held in very the highest rank in the GDR, and he attempted to build up professional armed services made up of volunteers with high morale. Western observers often regarded them as more imposing than their Soviet "brothers in arms". In May 1958 the GDR armed forces (NVA) were admitted to membership of the Warsaw Pact thus recognising their military efficiency.

However, despite the perks and privileges granted to serving and former members of the NVA, recruitment became an increasing problem. Compulsory military service, introduced in West Germany in 1956, was not regarded as practical as it was feared that many young men would evade service by fleeing to the West via Berlin. The building of the Wall in August 1961 removed this option and compulsory service was introduced in the following year. By that time Stoph had moved up

as deputy head of government increasingly taking over the work of the ailing premier, Otto Grotewohl. Between 1962 and 1964 Stoph served as First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers and between 1964 and 1973 as Chairman, that is head of government. As such he played a major role in the 1960s in attempts to make the GDR's economy more efficient. He was second only to Walter Ulbricht, First Secretary of the ruling Socialist Unity Party, in the GDR's hierarchy. He owed his position to his dedication and loyalty to the Soviet Union and to Walter Ulbricht personally.

In 1970 Stoph was sent by Ulbricht to meet Willy Brandt, the West German Chancellor, at Erfurt (GDR) and later at Kassel in West Germany. At Erfurt Stoph was shocked and Brandt was moved, when a crowd of ordinary East Germans gathered outside Brandt's hotel and called for



Stoph (right) with Willy Brandt, then Chancellor of West Germany, at a meeting in Erfurt in the GDR, 1970

the West German leader. These two meetings were the beginning of the improvement in relations between the two German states which led, 20 years later, to the re-establishment of German unity.

Stoph's advancement under Ulbright did not stop him from taking part in the palace coup against the First Secretary in 1971 when Erich Honecker replaced Ulbricht. Ulbricht was allowed to retain the position of titular head of state and. after the death of Ulbricht in 1973. Stoph was removed from his powerful position as head of government to the representational position which Ulbricht had occupied. As the GDR's economic situation worsened Stoph was reinstated as Chairman of the Council of Ministers in 1976, a position he retained until 1989.

Although officially second only to Honecker, Stoph was not one of Honecker's cronies and he was ready to join in his overthrow in October 1989. Stoph himself was ousted on 7 November 1989 when his entire government resigned. Two days later the Berlin Wall was opened. On 17 November he was removed from the Council of State and from the Volkskammer (parliament) to which

he had belonged since 1950. His ex-pulsion from the SED followed on 3 December and his arrest days later. Along with most of his colleagues.

he was charged with corruption and misuse of office. He was released on grounds of ill-health in February 1990. He was re-arrested in May 1991 and charged with coresponsibility, as member of the Politburo and the GDR Defence Council, for the deaths on the Berlin Wall. Once again he was released because of his poor medical condition.

As head of government rather than head of the SED, Willi Stoph's image was slightly better than that Berlin 13 April 1999.

of Erich Honecker. Yet he remained a grey, nondescript figure whose main talent was to survive.

DAVID CHILDS

AKG London

Willi Stoph, politician; born Berlin 9 July 1914; Head, Economic Policy Department, Socialist Unity Porty (SED) 1948-1950, Minister of Interior 1952-55. Minister for National Defence 1956-60; First Deputy Chairman, Council of Ministers 1962-64, Chairman 1964-1973, 1976-89, Chairman, Council of State (head of state) 1973-76: married (four children); died

## Lt-Col Raymond Durie of Durie

AT DAWN on 8 December 1941, the day after the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor, Captain Raymond Dewar-Durie (later to be Durie of Durie), a liaison officer in the Consulate in Shanghai, woke to the sound of Japanese gun fire. He immediately set about burning secret documents and then, with his commanding officer. Major Sidney Hunt, had breakfast at the Ameri-After he had went to his flat to pick up some of to recall. It was to take 51 perilous his belongings. While he was packing Japanese troops arrived.

The Chinese lift-boy and the Russian concierge took their lives in their hands and denied that he was on the premises. With Hunt, Dewar-Durie then went into hiding in a variety of strange places. looked after by Chinese friends for nine days. Posters everywhere offered a substantial reward for information on British and American officers, making escape imperative.

After several false starts they were smuggled in the boot of a car surrounded by furs, lying head to toe with the dicky seat on top of them. The car belonged to a Chinese general who enjoyed smuggling furs as a side line. He had bribed the Japanese colonel to ride in his car to see it past the border guards. After it had passed through two sentry posts unchecked and the colonel was

dropped off. the two men were released - much to their relief. They spent their first night being pecked by the inhabitants of a hen-house.

Still in Japanese-occupied territo vaud often uncertain of the allegiance of their guides, for the next fortnight they lived precariously, on one occasion hiding in a sampan loaded with pigs. "The sampan relieved our feet, but was very hard on stern end " Dewer Du days to reach the safety of free China. The final few days were spent anxiously with three American journalists as they waited at Lake Tai

for a junk to take them to freedom. Dewar-Durie and Hunt transmitted messages to the War Office as to their position. Unbeknown to them they had both been reported "missing believed dead". Dewar-Durie had earlier received orders to rejoin his regiment but they arrived after the only available ship had sailed. The next sailing was 9 December. While he was hiding, those who made it to the ship in the hope of freedom were taken prisoner.

Raymond Dewar-Durie was born in 1905 in Persia, where his father, Robert, was the manager of the Imperial Bank and by 1916 had become involved in British and Russian intelligence as well as receiving a Military Cross while on a temporary

commission in the British Army. Raymond saw little of him as a child: he was sent back to England aged five, first to a dame school before prep school in Hampshire and then on to Blundells. A good allround sportsman with a natural eve for a ball, he later had a trial for Harlequins and played cricket for the Free Foresters.

After Sandhurst he was comed in 1925 into based on the Isle of Wight. He went to China in 1929 as a platoon commander of the Legation Guard and two years later was involved in antipiracy duty on Chinese passenger ships. He was to remain in China in a number of posts until 1935. He studied Mandarin during this time and whenever possible worked on a Chi-

nese/English military dictionary. In 1940 he was appointed Assistant Military Liaison Officer to the Consulate General in Shanghai where he was responsible for recruiting and dispatching all volunteers in China for British forces. His revised dictionary was published in 1942. At the end of the war he was posted to Germany to deal with

POWs and displaced persons. Back in China in 1949 as Assistant Military Attaché to the British Embassy in Nanking, accredited to the Nationalist government of Chiang

Kai-shek, he played a vital part in the HMS Amethyst "incident". On 19 April, while sailing up the River Yangtse to Nanking with supplies, the ship was fired on by Communist artillery and 17 of the crew were killed including the doctor and sick berth attendant; the captain, along with many others, was seriously wounded.

Sutherland Highlanders, who were John Kerans, who was to take command of Amethyst, and accompanied by a doctor and six Chinese soldiers with a heavy medical chest in a wheelbarrow, Dewar-Durie made a hazardous journey along the banks of the Yangtse. Close to the ship they stumbled upon 50 or more wounded. While the doctor attended them Dewar-Durie rowed Kerans across to the beleaguered ship in a sampan, but she glided away from them and they were unable to board her.

They returned to deal with the wounded and arrange transportation. Later Kerans boarded the ship on his second attempt while Dewar-Durie put the last of the wounded on Raymond Varley Dewar-Durie, to a train. While waiting to see if the ship would be scuttled (it wasn't), he spotted soldiers with red arm-bands advancing and beat a hasty retreat. Shanghai fell to the Communists in May but Amethyst made an heroic escape down the river two months 29 March 1999.

later. Dewar-Durie moved with the embassy to Peking.

After retirement from the Army in 1956 lie worked for Guinness in Belfast and later took a Retired Officer's job. In 1969 he left Northern Ireland and settled in Pewsey where he was an active secretary to the local Conservative Association.

Although there was never any Acting as the interpreter to the doubt that Raymond Dewar-Durie al Attache T.t-Cdr was head of the Durie family which had settled in Fife since the 16th century, he did not change his name until 1988, when he followed up the Lord Lyon King of Arms' direction, first made to his father, to claim Chief of the Name and Arms of Durie and became Durie of Durie. He was a modest and self-effacing man who enjoyed a very happy marriage of over 60 years and delighted in his family. As a 90th birthday present he was given a helicopter flight from Pewsey, which passed over the Isle of Wight, where he had first joined his regiment in 1925.

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soldier; born Isfahan, Persia 10 August 1905; recognised as Durie of Durie 1988; married 1932 Joan Dolbey (died 1933; one daughter); 1938 Frances Maule (one son, one daughter); died Pewsey. Wiltshire

## Lord Cayzer

LORD CAYZER was an aristocratic remained president of the family Gunn whose daring business tactics businessman of the old school, a business until he died). tall, distinguished sportsman who proved to be immensely shrewd at business, noted for his flair, his excellent timing and taking the. long view. As a result he left a fortune certainly well above the official

Sutherland Highlanders in 1925

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Throughout his life he was a notable spokesman for the shipping industry, although he sensibly shifted much of the family money out of shipping in the 1960s and 1970s. Cayzer's grandfather, Charles Cayzer, founded the Clan Line, owners of what became a 100-strong fleet of ships, most of them tramp steamers sailing round the Cape of Good Hope to India and the Far East. Cayzer's father August was created a baronet

Nicholas Cayzer - or Sir Nicholas age of 10 in 1921 until he was given a life peerage in 1982 - naturally went to Eton and Cambridge. Equally naturally he started work for the family shipping line in 1931 when he was only 21, becoming a director seven years later. So far so orthodox. But as chairman of the family holding company - by then called Caledonia Investments - he had successfully weathered the transformation of the family business from shipping to British & Commonwealth. B & C was a diversified industrial group. (He run by the entrepreneurial John

Durie of Durie was commissioned into the Argyll and

World War Cayzer served in the Army but was soon deploying his managerial talents in organising convoys. After the war his first major coup came in 1955 when, as vicechairman of the Clan Line, he master-minded Clan's take-over of the Union Castle Line, best known for its fleet of speedy mail liners running between Southampton and Cape Town. thus creating a group, British & Commonwealth Shipping, with 100 vessels. His success was the greater because his unsuccessful rival was Harley Drayton, at the time one of the most feared of City financiers.

After taking over the chairmanship of B & C on the death of his uncle Lord Rotherwick in 1958, Cayzer led the family's retreat from shipping. Cayzer as he was known from the putting the family fleet into a notably successful joint venture, Overseas Containers, and investing in a number of unrelated businesses. These included British United Airways, a successful independent airline, the private Wellington Hospital in St John's Wood and Gartmore, an inin the 63 years until he finally retired vestment management firm named after a family estate in Perthshire. But Cayzer's biggest com came

with the growth of a series of broking

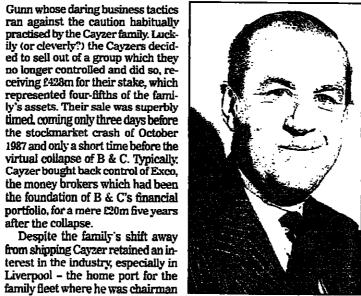
and investment businesses within

ran against the caution habitually In the early part of the Second practised by the Cayzer family. Luckily (or cleverly?) the Cayzers decided to sell out of a group which they no longer controlled and did so, receiving £428m for their stake, which represented four-fifths of the family's assets. Their sale was superbly timed, coming only three days before the stockmarket crash of October 1987 and only a short time before the virtual collapse of B & C. Typically, Cayzer bought back control of Exco. the money brokers which had been the foundation of B & C's financial

> Despite the family's shift away from shipping Cayzer retained an interest in the industry, especially in Liverpool - the home port for the family fleet where he was chairman of the Steamship Owners' Association. He also acted as President of the British Chamber of Shipping and the General Council of British Shipping, and when he was elevated to the peerage by Margaret Thatcher in 1982 he took the title Lord Cayzer of St Mary Axe - the street in the

after the collapse.

City of London most closely associated with the shipping industry. The elevation was in recognition of his steadfast support for the Tory Party. He had been chairman of the local Conservative Association in



Cayzer: retreat from shipping

been MP before the war. More | Heart" became something of a importantly he was a generous | local success for him in Houston, donor to the party and a fund- Texas, so from then on the wrong raiser through a mysterious body name stuck, and Harris he was. called British United Industrialists. Besides, he came from a religious

William Nicholas Cayzer, ship with the "Devil's music". as the owner and businessman: born 21 | blues was still known in those January 1910; Bt 1921: created 1982 days. So Harris decided to keep the Baron Cauzer: married 1935 Eliz- new name, and keep peace with abeth Williams (died 1995; two his people.

## Peppermint Harris

blues hit "I Got Loaded" (covered guitari. However, Harris was not a major player.

78 for the Houston Gold Star label under the name of Peppermint Nelson in 1948 - his real name was Harrison D. Nelson Jnr, and he had from a local dance-hall owner. But when he went into the studio for Bob Shad's company Sittin' In With Records a year later, Shad forgot to write Nelson's name on the tape record labels.

NICHOLAS FAITH family, and they had already expressed unhappiness at his flirting

Chester, a town where his uncle had daughters); died 16 April 1999. Born in Texarkana, Texas in 1925,

PEPPERMINT HARRIS was best- he moved to Houston in 1947 after known for his 1951 No 1 rhythm and naval service in the Second World War, and was taken under the wing by everyone from Elvis Costello to of Houston's greatest bluesman, Los Lobos and Terry Evans, on Sam "Lightnin" Hopkins, who gave whose 1996 recording of the tune him an introduction to Gold Star Ry Cooder played some excellent records and, ultimately, the title of his 1991 retrospective of sides recorded for Jewel in the 1960s and Indeed, his very name indicates 1970s, reissued by the Collectables that. His first recording had been a label, Being Black Twice. Lightnin' said to him that "Playing the blues in the old days was like being

black twice." However, Harris's music was far acquired the Peppermint sobriquet from socially conscious, as titles like "I'll Wipe Away Your Tears", "Is There Someone Else", and of course his lament about the perils of the bottle, "I Got Loaded", indicated. He tried to follow up the latter title with box, and misremembered it as other booze-based anthems with Harris when he came to print up the titles like "Have Another Drink and Talk to Me", "Right Back On It", But the release, "Raining in My and "Three Sheets in the Wind", but none of them repeated the success

of "Loaded". "Pep" (as his fans called him) was no instrumentalist - though he does play guitar on some tracks - and he picked a young guitarist called Albert Collins to play with him on one of the albums he cut for Aladdin in 1956 after he moved to Los Angeles, Houston Can't Be Heaven, which was released in the UK on the Ace label in 1989.

The songs Peppermint Harris March 1999.



Harris: 'I Got Loaded'

cut at that time are regarded by many as his best work. He also wrote lyrics for B.B. King and Etta James. His last album was Teras On My Mind (1995), which lacked much of the fire of his earlier work.

KARL DALLAS

Harrison D. Nelson (Peppermint Harris), singer, guitarist: born Texarkana, Texas 17 July 1925; married (one daughter); died 19

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## Dame Kathleen Raven

"THIS FUNNY old thing," was how Dick Crossman described Kathleen Raven, to Raven to find patients who did not want to go home because their homes when he was Secretary of State and she was Chief Nursing Officer at the Department of Health and Social Security in the 1960s, "with her golden hair and her blue eyes and her pink-and-white cheeks, this typical ex-matron".

Raven was in fact a very effective nurse at the ministry and elsewhere, aland for. She saw to it that the voice of nursing was clearly heard. Building on the foundations laid by her predecessor. Dame Elizabeth Cockayne, she freed the nursing division from the medical, securing access to the minister through the permanent secretary for the chief nursing officer Despite Crossman's description of her in his diaries, he seems to have had respect for her because, she considered, he felt she knew what she was talking about. She put forward the idea of the Briggs committee on the future of nursing when Asa Briggs gave her a lift one evening in

She was a sound practical nurse as well as a nurse manager and a determined high fiyer. While below average in height there was nothing of the "little woman" about her. She had authority and dignity, and always a trim appearance. Before becoming a nurse she enjoyed being a secretary in a firm of accountants. In retirement she had a strong influence on hospitals and nursing in the Middle East.

Kathleen Raven was born in Coniston in the Lake District in 1910. Her father was the director of a slate quarry. her mother came from the Mason family of ironstone ware manufacturers. She was brought up in a Plymouth Brethren household where her parents read a chapter of the Bible every night and were, as she said, "good Christian people". Being the only girl among three brothers may have made her the tomboy who climbed mountains, skated. fished and rowed. She had a lifelong close relationship with her elder brother Ronald, who became a surgeon.

Visiting her brother when he was a medical student at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, she decided to become a nurse and started her training there in 1933. She was 23. Nursing had not been her first career choice. On leaving Ulverston Grammar School she took a secretarial course and one in conversational French, and went to the School of Art at Barrow in Furness. She had been brought up in the atmosphere of the Lakeland painters; one grandmother was a friend of John Ruskin.

Coming from a big house where

were so miserable and - when doing her midwifery training in London - to see what poverty meant. She became a sister at Barts at a time when sisters slept and lived in rooms off their wards, and she rose to be assistant matron.

In 1949 she moved on to be matron of Leeds General Infirmary. Faced with though she could be difficult to work with a shortage of nurses she recruited from what were still "the colonies" as well as encouraging Yorkshire girls to take up nursing. Always a keen traveller, she came back from a tour of American and Canadian hospitals in 1953 with the idea of "beau parlours". She opened two of these at Leeds - "comfortable little rooms where a nurse may entertain her men friends".

Professionals from overseas also came to her for ideas. She established a rapport with the midwife to the Thai royal family who visited Leeds. But some of her own staff felt that she did not know her nurses as a manager should, and an assistant matron who was to become general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, Dame Katherine Mary Hall, was indignant when the matron was over an hour late for a student nurse and her mother's appointment.

From Leeds Raven moved to the Ministry of Health, to be first Deputy. then Chief Nursing Officer. She married late. although she had twice been engaged

She opened two 'beau parlours' in Leeds – comfortable little rooms where a nurse may entertain her men friends'

earlier. She met John Thornton Ingram, a hospital consultant and a widower, while she was matron at Leeds and they married when she was CNO and he Professor of Dermatology at Durham University. Having a husband and a brother who were prominent doctors facilitated her relations with the profession which she was determined nursing should be independent from.

On leaving government service Raven became chief nursing adviser to the Allied Medical Group, which involved her with hospitals in Iran, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. She was awarded the felthere was a busy social life it was a shock lowship of the Royal College of Nursing council of Epsom College, the "doctors"



Raven arriving at the Ministry of Health to take up the post of Chief Nursing Officer, 1958

in nursing management and education". In 1995 she endowed a professorship of clinical nursing studies at Leeds University. "I wanted to make a meaning-

ful and lasting contribution to nurse education in a way that restored the practical and caring skills which, sadly. patients do not always enjoy today," she explained. She was also a member of the Central Area Advisory Board for Secondary Education while matron at Leeds, a foundation governor of Aylesbury Grammar School, and in 1992 became vice-president and member of the

Town 1634: Friedrich Wilhelm

August Proebel, educationist, 1782; Reginald Heber, hymn-writer and bishop, 1783; Char-lotte Bronte, novelist, 1816.

Deaths: St Anselm. Archbishop

of Canterbury, 1109; King Henry

VII, 1509: Jean-Baptiste Racine,

Prince of Savoy, general, 1736:

horne Clemens), novelist, 1910:

Baron Manfried von Richthofen.

playwright, 1099; Eugene.

Mark Twain (Samuel Lang-

aviator. killed in action 1918:

writer, 1924; Eleonora Duse.

Bridges, poet, 1930; John

François Duvalier ("Papa

753 BC; Baber founded the

the Canadian North-West

Mogul Empire in India, 1526,

Mounted Police were estab-lished, 1873; the world's first

jet-liner service was begun by BOAC, flying Comets between London and Rome, 1952, Today

is the Feast Day of St Anasta-sius I of Antioch, St Anselm of

Canterbury, St Beuno. St Con-

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rad of Parzham, St Malrubius o

actress, 1924; Robert Seymour

Maynard Keynes, tirst Baron

Keynes, economist, 1946; Sir Richard Stafford Cripps, lawyer

diplomat and statesman, 1952;

Doc"), president of Haiti, 1971.

On this day: the City of Rome

was founded (traditional date).

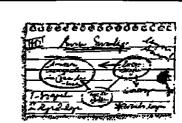
Marie Corelli (Mary Mackay).

in 1986 "for advocacy of developments" school of which her brother Ronald was an old boy. She had been due to open a girls' day house named after her this September.

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LAURENCE DOPSON

Kathleen Annie Raven, nurse: born Coniston. Westmorland 9 November 1910: Matron. General Infirmary, Leeds 1919-57; Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, Ministry of Health 1957-58, Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health and Social Security 1958-72; DBE 1968: FRCN 1986: married 1959 Professor John Thornton Ingram (died 1972); died Oxford 19 April 1999.



SOCIOLOGICAL NOTES

JOHN HOOD-WILLIAMS

## An end to 'vive la différence'

ences between men and women. It is part of a project to produce them. The sociologist Ann Oakley introduced the term to a British audience over 25 years ago. She began her Sex, Gender and Society with the words, "Everyone knows that men and women are different". Within a decade gender had swept through the Anglo-Saxon world from the social sciences to the language of journalism and popular culture.

Put simply, gender meant the social and psychological characteristics of a woman or a man. Gender was built on the foundations of "sex" those biological characteristics of men and women based upon differences in their reproductive roles. The key point was that gender was to be separated from sex. It was intended to be an explanation for the fact that, although women and men might always be identified by biology, at different historical moments and in different cultures their social characteristics varied - what they wore, how they behaved, their location within the division of labour, their sexuality and so on.

One history of gender sees its origins in the work of Margaret Mead, whose anthropological work was published in the 1930s. She memorably told us about assertive, practical, unadorned Tchambuli women and their

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section (V)3 of the Tennis

Anti-Doping Programme, an

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against a decision of the ITF's

Anti-Doping Appeals Com-

mittee to the Appeals Arbi-

tration Division of the Court

The Court of Appeal allowed

the appeal of the ITF against a

decision that it was not entitled

Doping Programme in respect of a sample taken at Wimbledon

in July 1998. He appealed to

the ITF's appeals committee.

which concluded that excep-

tional circumstances existed, in

that the plaintiff did not know

that he had taken or had been

administered the relevant sub-

stance, and that no sanction

should be imposed beyond the

mandatory sanction that he

should forfeit all computer

ranking points and return to the

ITF all prize money earned at

filed an appeal with the CAS in

Switzerland seeking a full new

hearing on the merits. The

plaintiff challenged the right

of either party to appeal to the

CAS, and by originating sum-

mons dated 13 January sought

a declaration that the ITF was

not entitled to appeal to the CAS.

appeal to the CAS rested on the

terms of section (V)3 of the pro-

gramme which provided: "Any

dispute arising out of any de-

cision made by the Anti-Doping

Appeals Committee shall be

submitted exclusively to the

ITF's claim to a right of

On 8 January 1999 the ITF

the tournament.

of Arbitration for Sport.

Appeals Committee.

THE TERM "gender" does skittish, gossipy, decorated not merely describe differmen. Mead's work has now been discredited but part of her legacy was gender - a term for the inconstancy of the human sexes.

What rapidly became attached to the idea of gender was a feminist concern to use it to analyse discriminatory social practices. Not just "difterence", then, but inequality. Girls were not poor at mathematics because they suffered the malign influence of a uterus, as a popular 19th-century notion had it, but because of social practices working against them in the school. Difference and inequality fused so that inequality came to be seen as the origin and result of difference. And this did not mean calling for an end to vive la différence since who knew what men and women would be like if they lived in a new world where the men did not exploit the women? Certainly not Macho Men

nor Earth Mothers. Gender did what all useful scientific concepts do: it provided a framework within which researchers could operate. What were the practices that operated against women and girls? How did they work? The result was a rich stream of writing that transformed academic and popular understanding. Gender changed the world.

But recent studies have disturbed these ways of thinking. The first unsettling development for the sex/

from social historians who tell us that sex is far from constant. The barber-surgeons of the Renaissance performed their operations in theatres before an audience. Their anatomists observed cadavers on the slab and carefully drew them but, remarkably. what they saw was not two sexes but one. Where we see difference everywhere, from the cut of a jaw to the curve of an eyebrow, they saw similarity and variation around a one-sex model. They imagined the vagina as an interior penis, the labia as foreskin. the uterus as scrotum and the ovaries as testicles. And it is important to understand that this model was not superseded simply by advances in our understanding of human bodies. In fact many subsequent medical discoveries, such as those in developmental embryology, fit very well into a one-sex model. Knowledge of the common form of the male and female foetus in the womb came at a time when everyone had given up looking for similarities and, like good gender theorists, looked

gender distinction has come

only for difference. So the mother who asks after the "gender" of her new-born baby is demonstrating that sex, and sexing, is a social practice with its own history. Sex is gender too.

John Hood-Williams is a contributor to the 'Sociological Review

#### GAZETTE

#### BIRTHS

ANDERSON: To Thomas and Samantha, on 14 April, in Oxford, a daughter.

#### **DEATHS**

CORRAN: James Macdonald, Kt. COBBAN: James Macdonald, Kt. CBE, TD, DL, MA, JP, on 19 April at Tyndale Nursing Home aged 88. Cremation private. Service of interment at Trent Church, near Yeovil, on Monday 26 April at 3.30pm for family and local friends. There will be a memorial service later in Abingdon. Donations instead of flowers, in aid of St Helen's Church, Abingdon and all correspondence in be sent Clo David Riv-Abingdon and all correspon-dence to be sent c/o David Riv-ett, Funeral Director, 30 Lyde Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 5AT, telephone 01935 433737.

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DIMITRIADIS: Alexander
George, died peacefully at home
on Sunday 18 April, aged 43.
Dearest husband of Sally, darling daddy of Sophie and Anna,
beloved second son of Christina
and brother of Dimitri. Will be
greatly missed. Funeral will take
place on Tuesday 27 April at
1.30pm at St Sophia's, Moscow
Road, London W2. Family flowers only, donations if desired
payable to Imperial Cancer
Research, c'o F.W. Paine, Molesey, 0181-979 5343.

MINCHIN: Leslie Thomas, aged 92 years. Peacefully in hospital

MICHAEL ADAMS completed

one of the greatest triumphs of

his career on Saturday from the

sidelines, as Vladimir Kramnik

not only failed to beat Veselin

Topalov in the last round of the

Dos Hermanas tournament

near Seville and so catch

Adams, but even went some

arose because the Fide world

champion Anatoly Karpov, who,

due to a no doubt immensely

important simultaneous dis-

play in France, had arranged

to play his last-round game in

this, at an average of 2,698 the

10th-highest-rated tournament

of all time, in advance on the

last rest day - potentially dis-

advantaging not only himself

but also his opponent, who was

and many congratulations to

Michael, who sailed through

unbeaten with three wins and

six draws for a final score of 6/9,

ahead of Kramnik 5.5, Topalov

and Illescas 5, Gelfand and

Karpov 4.5, Korchnoi 4 and

Judit Polgar, Svidler and

(amazingly) Anand on 3.5.

Still, all's well that ends well

Michael Adams.

This extraordinary situation

way towards losing.

#### BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

on 17 April. Chairman of the London Lieder Group. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday 27 April at 1.30pm. No flowers but donations if desired to World Wildlife Pund or Prison Reform Trust, c/o Lever-ion and Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, NW3 4QS.

MULLIN: Mary (nee Stephenson) died peacefully, in her sleep, after a brief illness, at Hinchingbrooke Hospital on 16 April 1999. Funeral on Monday 26 April at Cambridge Crematorium at 11.15am. No flowers please, but Mary would have liked any donations to go to the Wildlife Trust, 3B Langsord Arch, London Road, Sawston, Cambridgeshire CB2 4EE please mark cheques "Riddy Wood, Wood Walton" on back).

NETHERCOT: Gerald, aged 89.
Passed peacefully 16 April, Nottingham, Donation Leonard
Cheshire Foundation. Biog:
http://visitweb.com/Gerald ethercot. Contact daughter: Λ181-940 9723.

CHESS

JON SPEELMAN

play steered him clear of almost

all danger except possibly in

this chaotic game - his third

win. In the opening 18 Qf3 was

an attempted improvement

over 18 a4 which Anand had

tried against Adams in round

19 Bxd5?! cxd5 20 Qxd5 Rb8

would be very risky. 24 Re6! in-

duced Adams's unclear piece

sacrifice. If 25 Rxf6 Bxd1 26

Rxd6 Rae8 27 Ne4 Bf3 28 Qh2

Oxh2+ 29 Kxh2 Rf5 30 Bxf4

Rxf4 31 Kg3 Ref8 looks fine for

Black but 27 Nf3! may be an im-

provement when if 27 ... Ne5 28

Nxe5 Rxe5 29 Qh2!; or 27 ...Re2

28 Bd2 Nxf2! 29 Kf1!! (not 29

Qxf2? Qg4+ 30 Kf1 Rxf2+ 31

Kxf2 Qg3+ winning) 29 ...Rfe8

30 Re1 Nh1 31 Rxe2 Ng3+ 32

Qxg3 fxg3 33 Rxe8+ Qxe8 34

36 Qd1? was the crucial

error. Instead after 36 Kg1!

Black can force a draw with 36

Nf3+ 37 Kg2 Nh2 but the at-

tempt to win with 36 ... 13 is dub-

ious after 37 Nxg3 t2+ 38 Kg2

f1Q+ 39 Qxf1! Řxf1 40 Nxh5

Re2+ 41 Kh3 Rxb2 42 Rxf1 23 hxg4 Bxg4

Kg2 White should win.

Taking a second pawn with

two without great success.

Adams's admirably smooth

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#### BIRTHDAYS

The Queen, 73; Professor

Gerald Benney, goldsmith and silversmith, 69; Mr Ian Bruce, Director-General, Royal National Institute for the Blind, 54; Sir George Burton, former chairman, Fisons, 83; Mr George Edgar, ambassador to Cambo-dia, 39; Mr Laurence Ellis, former Rector, Edinburgh Academy. 67; Mrs Cheryl Gillan MP, 47; Air Marshal Sir John Hunter-Tod, 82; Mr Bernard Latham, actor, 48; Mr John McCabe, composer and pianist, 60; Dr Halfdan Mahler. Emeritus Director-General. World Health Organisation, 76; Mr Alasdair Morgan MP, 54; Miss Angela Mortimer (Barrett), tennis player, 67; Mr John Mortimer QC, writer and playwright, 76; Sir Geoffrey Palmer, former prime minister of New Zealand, 57; Mr Anthony Quinn, actor, 84: The Right Rev Donald Snelgrove, former Bishop Suffragan of Hull, 74; Maj-Gen Sir John Swinton, Lord-Lieutenant of Berwickshire, 74.

**ANNIVERSARIES** 

Nxf1 43 Rxc6 with good winning

chances. If 40 Kf2 Ng4+ 41 Kf1

Ne3+ 42 Ke1 f2+ 43 Ke2 Nxd1

wins. At the end, White runs out

of checks after 46 Rh4+ (or 46

Ng5+ Kh6) 46 ... Kg6 47 Rg4+

White: Judit Polgar

Black: Michael Adams

Ruy Lopez Marshall Gambit

9 exd5 Nxd5 32 Bb2 g3+

10 Nxe5 Nxe5 33 Kg1 Nf3+

24 Re6! Qh5!

25 Bxg4 Nxg4

26 Rxd6 Rae8

27 Ne4 Ne5

28 f3 Nxf3+

29 KE: Nh4

30 Qh1 g5

31 b4 g4

34 Kg2 Nh2

35 c4+ Kg8

36 Qd1? f3+

37 Kxg3 Qg4+

38 Kf2 Qb4+

39 Ke3 Qf4+

40 Kd4 Qe5+

41 KeS Ng4+

42 Kd2 Qxb2+

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15 Re4 Qf5

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8 c3 d5

Births: Jan van Riebeeck, naval surgeon and founder of Cape

#### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Princess Royal Patron, Sense - The National Feedbard and Rubella Association - virits, their head odice at Clifton Terrate, London Val. 8. Fatron, Transand, altends a Reception at Railtrack He, Railtrack House, London NW; and, as Past Master: the Warshipdd Company of Cormen, attends a dinner at Plasterers' Hall, London RV; The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, attends a Charry, of concert field by the Polish Bassociation of the Order of Malta at the Polish Embassy, London W; The Tuichess of Gloucester, Patron, Phiss (Baby Life Support Systems) strends the Third International Neonatal Narrang Conference: Bridging the World', at Harrogate International Centre, Harrogate North Yorkshire

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Household Cavadry Mounted Regu ments the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards. Ham, Ist Battalion Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Police, 11 soam band provided by the Weish Guards.

#### **LECTURES**

Victoria and Albert Museum: Cut and Construction 1730-

British Museum: Rowena Loverance. "The Reformation and Popular Piety". 11.30am. Wallace Collection, London W1: David Edge. "Arms and Armour", 1pm.

### BRIDGE

ONE DEFENDER false-carded on this deal; the other should have done so as well, but declarer still managed to misiudge the situation. South opened 1 no-trumps

(13-15 points) and North raised directly to game. West led ~ 3 against 3 no trumps ("My hearts were better than my spades!"), although most players prefer to lead the second highest from a suit not headed by an honour, and South won East's queen with his ace. There was no rush to test the diamonds, so declarer started with a low club to the seven, ten and ace. East might have cost the defenders a trick by returning a heart (if, say, West had led from ⊕ 10 8 5 3) so he exited passively with a spade which

declarer won on the table. South came to hand with K and led a second club to which West followed with the nine. Declarer, taken in by East's play of #A on the second trick, put up dummy's queen instead of ducking which would have led to an overtrick as the cards lie. East took his king and cleared the hearts. time to develop a club trick.

#### Love all; dealer South North

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South

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South to come to a ninth trick.

might fail to clear the hearts

and then South would still have

Declarer had not taken ad-

♦A K Now there was no way for

vantage of West's culpable failure to play #J (the card that he was now known to hold) on the second round of the suit. When West had followed with the nine, only the king and jack were outstanding. The suit was more likely to break 3-2 than 4-1 and, even if West had played the nine from a remaining holding of \$\display K \ J 9, he

a hostage to fortune, it is Simply Irresistible. Despite Sarah Michelle Gellar - from Buffy, The Vampire Slayer punters soon dropped away. Among the film's many faults, the New York Post that the corner of Hudson and Jane streets is in the more recent hood-has TriBeCa – and that TriBeCa never crossed the Atlantic.

#### WEDNESDAY LAW REPORT

Right of appeal in

tennis doping case

21 APRIL 1999

Korda v ITF Ltd (trading as the International Tennis Federation)

Court of Appeal to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against (Lord Justice Morritt, a finding of the Anti-Doping Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Clarke) The plaintiff, a professional tennis player, had tested posi-25 March 1999 tive under the Tennis Anti-

Appeals Arbitration Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport which shall resolve the dispute in accordance with the Code of Sports Related Arbitration." The ITF contended that there was a contract on the terms of the programme between the ITF and the plaintiff and that, on its true construction, section (V)3 conferred on both parties to that contract an absolute and general right of appeal on its merits to the CAS. The judge held that there was

a contractual relationship between the plaintiff and the ITF on the terms of the programme which embraced the provisions of section (V)3, and that on their true construction the words "any dispute arising out any decision" in section (V)3 extended only to disputes as to the validity, enforceability or construction of the decision and did not authorise an appeal by way of rehearing on the merits. The section assumed that a final decision had been made and was concerned with resolving questions as to the impact of that decision on the parties.

The judge had relied, in con-

struing section (V)3, on the terms of section (L)8 of the programme which provided: 'The Appeal Committee's decision shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the

all parties." Charles Flint QC and Paul Goulding (Bird & Bird) for the plaintiff: Michael Driscoll QC and Christopher Stoner (Townleus) for the ITF.

appeal and will be binding on

Lord Justice Clarke said that the judge's construction of section (V)3 gave too narrow a meaning to its language, which was in wide terms. The section provided for the submission to the Appeals Arbitration Division of the CAS of any dispute arising out of any decision of the appeals committee and, as a matter of ordinary language. the dispute in the instant case plainly arose out of the appeal

committee's decision. Applying the decision in Harbour Assurance Co (UK) Ltd v Kansa General International Assurance Co Ltd [1993] 3 All ER 897, if the ordinary meaning of the language of section (V)3 were to be narrowed, the justification for so doing had to be found elsewhere in the programme, or in the programme as a whole.

The judge had relied on section (L)8 as precluding all other appeals, but section (L)8 did not expressly qualify section (V)3. The two sections could be read together on the basis that the appeal committee's decision was full, final and binding under section (L)8, subject to any reference to the Appeals Arbitration Division of the CAS under

KATE O'HANLON Barrister

IF EVER a movie title were Words noted, "the filmmakers think

#### **CHRISTOPHER** HAWTREE nabe, n.

is some kind of down and dirty working-class nabe". This abbreviation - like

It goes back to the mid-Thirties, to mean a local movie-theater rather than a first-run house. The OED stresses this usage but not the fact that soon after it came equally to mean an area. In the Seventies, there were also signs that it would come to mean something akin to our local, a neighbourhood bar.

# Harris

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# Whose idea was that?

The Millennium Dome is to exhibit inventions that reflect man's greatness. Wrong! It should contain things that reflect human nature. By Andrew Mueller

n keeping with all the things to which the Millennium Dome is a monument, part of the permanent exhibition is to be devoted to mankind's most enduring and useful inventions. This was probably inevitable, but is no less depressing for that. Humanity will never accurately be represented solely by things that signify success; to characterise the progress of humanity over the ages, the Dome should also be looking to celebrate our failures, misconceptions and blunders. They are what make us what we are.

When we utter that eternal, magnificent, affirming truth "I'm only human", either to ourselves or to others, it is not when we've just collected an Oscar, split the atom or run 70 yards through the Arsenal defence and beaten David Seaman with a rising drive into the roof of the net.

They are the words we reserve for automotive the moments when we realise that we didn't put film in the camera, as we contemplate the blackened wreckage of our chemistry sets from behind shattered spectacles, as our enraged teammates pelt us with fistfuls of mud after we've sliced an opponent's cross into our own goal.

If the Millennium Dome's curators refuse to acknowledge - let alone celebrate - such moments as these, they are guilty of no less a crime than betraying us to posterity. With that dreadful responsibility in mind, they may wish to consider the following inventions for inclusion:

The Spruce Goose



A grand emblem of man's vainglorious, age-old determination to give himself wings. The pride and joy of billionaire recluse Howard Hughes, this immense and ridiculous wooden-framed aircraft - some 75m long and possessing a 100m wingspan - began and ended its aviation log with a flight of 70 feet on 2 November, 1947.

Today, the most interesting thing about it remains the fact that, despite its name, it wasn't made from spruce (few indeed, are the clumsy, ungainly birds whose name rhymes handily with

Undeterred by the worldwide hoots of derision that greeted this folly. Hughes went on to develop a customised cantilevered bra for the use of Jayne Mansfield, who never wore

Sinclair C5 Undignified, inefficient, patently absurd, it's hard to see, with the cleareved perspective of hindsight, how it could possibly have seemed like a good idea at the time to anvone - the equivalent of Sir James Goldsmith's political career.

> Quadrophonics This transparent early Seventies effort to prise open the wal-

lets of hi-fi bores and sundry audio gear trainspotters deservedly went the way of the eighttrack cartridge, mostly because it was obvious that the whole thing was little more than a ghastly conspiracy to get us all to buy our record collections all over again. Though that did-

n't stop it working when they tried the same stunt with the compact disc.



The tapes were smaller, and we kept reading that the picture was better. Unfortunately, none of us could really tell the difference and all we knew was that the VHS section at the local Blockbuster was larger and noticeably less populated by people who looked like that Eighties

two impeccable reasons for heaving the poor Beta machine into the nearest skip and accepting the inevitable.

Dog Bomb The field of

human conflict has regularly yielded a bountiful harvest of idiocy, but the research boffins of the Soviet Union staked an unarguable claim on immortality with the dog bomb. The idea was as brutal as it was simple - stray dogs would be trained to associate food with the underside of tanks, and then loosed upon the battlefield with enormous armour piercing mines strapped to their backs.

Regrettably, the geniuses responsible for this plan neglected to consider that the Russian tanks with which the dogs were trained looked rather different from the German Panzers they were supposed to attack. When eventually sent into battle, the high-explosive hounds turned for home. forced an entire Soviet division into retreat, and the plan was abandoned.

Milk Carton

Will one day be regarded in much the same way that trench warfare. Noel's House Party and Conservative governments are now - with a horrified incomprehension that people were ever willing to put up with such ineptitude and humiliation. We can put men on the moon and grow ears on the backs of hairless mice - how hard can it be to make a receptacle for milk which allows its contents to be transferred into a coffee cup without going up your sleeve?

Over-the-shoulder keyboard Didn't sound any different from a normal keyboard, but certainly looked a lot sillier. Was for some rea-

son regarded as an essential by item Eighties pop groups.

When one considers the other things

they worked in television. Which were pop groups thought essential - big shirts, beauty spots, leather overcoats, mullet haircuts, cocaine and pretending to know who Baudrillard was - it's perhaps not surprising we see so little of the over-the-shoulder keyboard these days.



Video telephone Had appeared through decades of science fiction as a harbinger of a technologically advanced age, yet when it started to become commercially available, absolutely nobody wanted it. In a rare fit of collective sanity, we realised that the principle joy of the telephone is that it frees us to talk to someone without their being able to

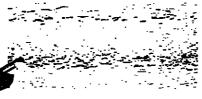
Decoy toilet flusher A development - and possibly even a sign of the terminal decline into decadence - of the Japanese, a people as

see us yawning, watching television.

pulling faces and picking our noses.

fastidious as they are restlessly inventive. The device is a control box mounted upon the bowl of a toilet in a restroom, public

which allows the occupant to manufacture artificial swirls and splashes to save other patrons of the convenience the distress of having to listen to any swirls and splashes they may



Synchronised Swimming Nobody likes it. And people who say



## You ask the questions

(Such as: Kenneth Clarke, how do you feel about being described by one of your colleagues as 'a podgy life-insurance salesman'?)

wood, Nottingbegan his workbarrister, becoming a QC in 1980. He became active in politics while at Cambridge University, and was president of the Cambridge Union. In 1985 he joined the Cabinet as Paymaster General and Minister for Employment. Between 1987 and 1993 he was Secretary of State for Health. Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Home Secretary. From May 1993 until the general election in 1997 he was hancellor of the Exchequer. He is MP for Rushcliffe, and is married

When did you decide to become Claire Millar, Southend-on-Sea.

I decided that I wanted to become an MP when I was quite a small boy in primary school. I have no idea. really, why I developed this early childish enthusiasm. I think it was because I was already an avid reader of the newspapers and I enjoyed following the political debate. I am afraid that I have long ago lost the scrapbook that I kept of the 1950 election.

You have a love of birds. If you could be a bird, which would you be and why?

Karl Havers, Guildford. Surrey I am a very keen birdwatcher. For some peculiar reason, whenever I am asked to name my favourite bird I usually name the bar-tailed godwit. I would not remotely wish to share its life, standing knee-deep in frozen water for a high proportion of the time.

Aside from your political differences, what do you think of William Hague on a personal

Janet O'Neill, Ipswich. Suffolk I have always had an excellent per-

enneth Clarke Hague, who I think leads a private lifestyle very similar to my own. It is a pity that there is so much press attention being paid to the cultivation of a public image of the ordinary guy who likes to relax and enjoy a pint of beer, In fact, I think that is his genuine personality.

Has the centre of gravity per-manently shifted to the right in William Hague's party? John Vincent, Reigate, Surrey

The Conservative Party is being led from the right again as it was, to some extent, when Margaret Thatcher led it.

Mrs Thatcher relied very heavily on Willie Whitelaw and successfully maintained a very balanced team which represented every strand of opinion within the Conservative Party. There were more "wets" than "dries" in her Cabinet in 1990, just as there had been in 1979. I believe that William is striving to keep the same sense of balance inside the party.

What did you think of the "devil's eyes" advertising campaign run during the last election? Is advertising playing too great a role in politics? Philip Mynors, Wallingford.

Oxfordshire I must admit that I went along with the "devil's eyes" campaign, but regretted it eventually. There have been key political posters which have swung votes in the past - I particularly remember "Labour is not working" in 1979.

I think the advertising at the last election was a waste of millions of pounds by both parties. Ours became rather unpleasant and the Labour Party's was vapid and unmemorable.

I am rather tempted by the idea that there should be a cap on the amount spent by each political party on posters and hoardings.

Do you believe that the euro can be properly managed without accountable democratic control by a parliament scrutinising a sonal relationship with William central authority, such as our



Chancellor of the Exchequer? J M Mackay, Biggar, Lanarkshire Yes. Monetary policy in the United Kingdom is no longer the responsibility of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and is the independent responsibility of the Governor of the Bank of England. In most devel-

oped countries where there is an independent central bank, the central bank governor is not under the control of government and parliament in any way but does, of course, have to defend his decisions publicly. Our Governor makes regular appearances before the Trea-

NEXT WEEK DAVID BAILEY, FOLLOWED BY JILLY COOPER



SEND QUESTIONS for the fashion photographer David Bailey and the novelist Jilly Cooper to: You Ask the Questions, Features, The Independent, 1 Canada Square, London E14 5DL (fax 0171-293 2182, or e-mail yourquestions a independent. co.uk), by 12 noon on Friday 23 April



sury Select Committee of the T-bone steak. I regard these deci-House of Commons. The European Central Bank has got to find some equivalent way of making itself accountable to the outside world, and I see no reason why members of the Central Bank Board should not explain themselves to members of the European Parliament or to members of national parliaments.

How long do you really think it will be before the Conservatives are elected to govern the Simon Bishop. Tunbridge Wells,

I think the Blair Government is an extremely shallow and lightweight administration and I see no reason why it should not be replaced at the next election. Whether the Conservative Party succeeds in being re-elected in 2002 will depend on our success in developing policies and attitudes towards the economy and the public services, and on presenting a credible and attractive impression to the public at large as a potential government.

Alan Clark described you as a "podgy life-insurance salesman". How do you feel about that? Patricia McMillan. Isle of Wight Alan actually described me as a "podgy life-insurance risk"! It was probably one of the more accurate statements that he has ever made. I do not share Alan's hypochondria and fitness-freak enthusiasms!

Do you eat British beef and genetically modified food? Charles Crombie. Alton. Hampshire

Yes. I think people are becoming ever more neurotic in their aversion to risk. I have seen no evidence to suggest that British beef or the GM foods already on sale pose any degree of risk which is out of line with the countless risks that we run every day in our modern lives.

I have taken part in motor racing in the past. If I am allowed to choose to do that, I cannot understand why I am not allowed by the Government to choose to eat a

sions as my personal responsibil-

Do you agree that much of Tony Blair's success today is due to successful public relations? How do you think William Hague should combat this? David Waugh, Shelford, Notting-

I think most of Tony Blair's success today is due to his personal success

in presenting himself, which obscures his irritating vagueness and lack of clear principle. I think William should seek to develop his political ideas and project

himself as a substantial political fig-

ure and statesman, in contrast.

You recently grew a beard. Do you think William Hague's popularity would increase if he followed your example?

Keith Flett, Tottenham, London No. I would only advise William to grow a beard if he were to find himself with no hot water to shave in for two weeks, which was my only

Dexter Gordon, John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins, Zoot Sims, Booker Ervin, Ben Webster, John Gilmore, Coleman Hawkins which tenor player do you most deeply identify with? And why? TC Coleman. Stoke Newington,

I congratulate the questioner on a selection of absolutely brilliant tenor saxophonists. It is almost a complete set of the finest players of the instrument in jazz music. I fear that I do not identify with the lifestyle of any one of them, as they are a collection of fairly eccentric people with some deep personal problems and tragedies.

Sonny Rollins is the best improviser I have ever heard. Dexter Gordon is the most larger-than-life personality of the whole lot; and John Coltrane is the finest and most influential musician of the collection. I find myself listening to younger tenor players who all try

## A life less ordinary

pint 568ml

Continued from page 1 asked if he wanted a cup of tea, he boldly replied 'obviously'.'

By the spring of 1973 he was at the remote Murgwanza Hospital in Ngara. He worked from time to time in the operating theatre. According to Mandelson, there was a large cylinder of ether which, on occasion, he was asked to oversee, pumping every 15 seconds or so to keep the anaesthetic topped up. But he also had other things on his mind. In a four-page, singlespaced typewritten letter to Steve Howell he wrote that: "sometimes... I feel that I... am retaining the force and commitment of my YCL-bred attitudes and beliefs but am just not having the opportunity to expound on them. And other times I feel that my revolutionary ardour is fading because I am a bourgeois at heart."

After a long disquisition on the rival claims of revolutionary socialism and Christianity he admitted that "being a sinful old non-conformist, it's more than a little hard to think of oneself as a Christian... at times I have felt that I am losing a socialist grip of myself... and then I wonder whether in fact I am just trying to close my eyes to a too-harsh and apparently insoluble reality and merely fall back into my cosy, bourgeois existence and assured future... Don't let this frankness go beyond your eyes."

Even allowing for the pretensions of youth, and the fact that Mandelson was probably trying to announce and justify his disengagement from the YCL to Howell, his letters home from Tanzania call into question assumptions that his political drive was exclusively careerist in origin. His letters from Tanzania convey a sense of a young man wrestling with the choice between social democracy and its left-wing alternatives. And by confronting the dilemma earlier than many of those who are now his fellow-ministers, he may also have been helped to resolve it earlier, so that by the time he first became embroiled in party politics five years later he was in no doubt that he stood on the social democratic right

**TOMORROW** THE KINNOCK YEARS



Mandelson, the Biography is published by Harper-Collins at £19.99. Independent readers can buy it at the special price of £14.99 (inc p&p), by phoning 0870 900 2050 and quoting

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Chris Bailey, the man who created Jigsaw Menswear, is doing away with this successful high-street name and launching a brand-new label in its place. Can he cut it with the boys about town? Undoubtedly, says Rebecca Lowthorpe







Above, left to right: Uth redefines the Jigsaw look; The Edge collection is a sporty, streetwise diffusion line; the Bailey line utilises luxury fabrics for limited edition pieces. Below: the serene Chris Bailey

## Puzzled? You'll soon work it out

Alife les vou will notice ordinar the Jigsaw label steadily disappearing from a high street near you. Shop fronts, labels, bags and all other forms of the brand's identity will be scrubbed out. In its

"youth") and the tag line "It's

tity, by giving the image a more

upmarket feel, but without

making it any more expen-

sive," says Chris Bailey, owner

of the former Jigsaw Menswear.

about a brand that has high-

street clout, and has turned into

a resounding success (with a

£15m turnover for 1998), isn't it

taking quite a risk to relaunch

Jigsaw Menswear under a dif-

loyal customers that nothing

has changed apart from the

name, which is why we have set

up the slow, teaser campaign

with the Uth stickers taped

over the Jigsaw logo," explains

credited with changing the face

of menswear on the British

high street worry about shak-

ing up the rules all over again?

After all, it was Bailey who

launched Jigsaw Menswear in

1994 when there was little

choice between the bland Ital-

ian imitations at Mr Byrite and

the expensive, real McCoy Ital-

ian designers such as Armani

and Cerruti. It wasn't just the

clothes that were fresh and

exciting: the stores were young

and hip, belting out up-tempo

house music, while the adver-

tising campaigns rammed the

novelty message home with

provocative images of young

men with attitude, shot by inter-

nationally acclaimed and, more

moment" photographers -

David Sims, Juergen Teller

Bailey saw the gap in the

middle of the market and

moved in, rescuing men up

and down the country from the

dull and the overpriced in one

fell swoop and rejuvenating

the menswear market to boot.

puccino, Bailey explains: "I

Over an early morning cap-

and Terry Richardson.

Why should the man who is

"We've got to convince our

Given that we're talking

a mind thing".

ferent label?

Chris Bailey.

ver the next there like me who couldn't afsix months ford a £1,000 suit, but wanted an individual look." The man sitting in front of me certainly has an individual look Bailey is quite the snappy dresser, in a low-key combination of Prada and Helmut Lang, but somehow he doesn't look as if he belongs to the fashion world.

They [the press] always say I look like a bouncer, so place will be Uth (pronounced people assume I'm this hard nutter who's always looking "I wanted to give the label its for a punch-up. The thing is," he own strong international iden- says, looking the picture of sincerity, as he strokes the heavy

in pursuing calm and serenity. Here is someone who has come up from the bottom in a tough business. Bailey, one of five children of a sample machinist mother and a builder father, grew up on a Tottenham housing estate. At 16 he left school and went to the local technical college to study fashion. "I couldn't stay because I couldn't afford the fees," he

sign director of Jigsaw Wom-

enswear). And the fact that he

is trying to master yoga sug-

gests a man who is interested



'I wouldn't get any ideas if I sat at home watching Coronation Street. I go out to the hotspots and people-watch'

important still, "of-the silver chain around his neck, "I'm not at all like that."

Bailey is, in fact, a 40-yearold big bloke with a shaven head who is not afraid to speak his mind, and that's where the similarity to the proverbial bouncer ends. Far from his aggressive image, he comes across as a sensitive gent when I ask him about his home life. He talks with pride about his three little girls, Grace, Liberty knew there were other men out and Eve, and his wife Ros (de-

in the rag trade as a patterncutter on £20 a week. ("I've still got the calluses on my hands to

His career took a great leap forward when, at 24, he set up the production for Jigsaw Womenswear with John Robinson. who founded Jigsaw 25 years ago. And at 27 Bailey bought the first of two factories, which enabled Jigsaw to make its own exclusive designs and respond quickly to consumer demand. down there and see for yourself.

It wasn't until last year that Bailey bought Jigsaw Menswear from John Robinson, his mate and business partner (who retained a 25 per cent equity staker. Up until then he had been steering the menswear as the director of design and the man in charge of production, but now that he's at

the helm (with Robinson's full

backing), he's ready to put his

big ideas into action.

He has already expanded the clothes with two smaller lines. The first, Bailey, is the more upmarket, with luxury fabrics; many of the clothes are limited editions of, say, just 50 of a certain jacket. The second is The Edge, which drills through Bailey's streetwise message. with hi-tech fabrics, anoraks and skinny cropped pants you get the picture.

Bailey wants to take his vision of cool, urban sportswear to Milan where, he reckons, "the kids are screaming for a bit of affordable high-fashion kit and dying for shops with a looser atmosphere where the music is cranked up". Japan will also be targeted.

along with New York where he would like to show Uth on the catwalk. And in the UK, shops will shortly open in High Street Kensington, in west London; in Edinburgh in an old bank which will be transformed into a Uth club complete with bar; and in Birmingham. "I've worked from the bot-

tom up. I know everything there is to know about the construction of a garment and I know my accounts and balance sheets," he says sagely. But how I wonder, does he keep his finger firmly on the

pulse of fashion."

"Well, I wouldn't get any ideas if I just sat at home watching Coronation Street. I go out all the time. All the hotspots - Shoreditch, Notting Hill, Soho - and people watch. I'm fascinated in how people put themselves together," says Bailey, who, you can tell, doesn't take his mind off the business for a millisecond Inspired by kilt-clad Scotsmen at a wedding. he pulled off a particularly successful coup last season, when his shops sold 500 plain grey and black kilts to men.

Bailey's ability to pounce on an idea and exploit it means that Uth is out in front of his high-street competitors. Get

#### **COMPETITION**

## Wrap yourself in luxury and get the chance to WIN an exclusive designer outfit

Designer labels come with designer prices, but by entering the Comfort Silk competition you could win an outfit worth up to £1,000 from some of the hottest names in contemporary fashion available at Harrods

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woman who buys



the latest designer clothes from Harrods at the Cosmopolitan Show, which runs from 29 April to 3 May. Comfort Silk will present outfits by top designers such as Tracy Boyd, DKNY, Calvin Klein. Joseph, Elspeth Gibson and Strenesse.

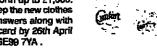
Enter the competition and you could visit the show. and win a designer outfit worth up to £1.090.

last word in luxurious fabric conditioner and will give cherished clothes a rich. silky softness and delicate fragrance. • View the latest designer looks and get style and fabric-care advice at the Comfort Silk Designer Collection, a showcase for



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#### Questions

1. Name two benefits of using Comfort Silk fabric conditioner in your wash.

2. Which supermodel (amousty fell over or the catwalk when wearing platform shoes:

3. Name two contemporary designers whose clothes are available at Harrods.



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# Go forth and multiply

special place in 20th-century British art history should surely be reserved for Sir Alec Guinness. Stanley Holloway and Sid James. Back in 1951. when The Lavender Hill Mob had the brainwave of smelting down their stolen gold bullion and disguising it as miniature replicas of the Eiffel Tower, they weren't just out-foxing Scotland Yard: the Ealing Studios comedy-team was creating the nation's first witty art multiples.
It was another decade before the rest

of the art-world finally caught up, with Claes Oldenburg, Joseph Beuys, Ian Hamilton Finlay and John Cage amongst the many hundreds of artists producing cheap editions of quirky, mass-produced objects. Piero Manzoni canned his Artist's Shit and Yoko Ono made her all-white travel chess sets. If original artworks were haute couture, the multiple was pret-a-porter. You couldn't take the gift-wrapped Reichstag home with you: but 75 lucky people in 1968 spent a few quid on Christo's multiple Empaquetage of Roses and carried off a slender bundle of flowers tied up in a cellophane shroud. A very canny investment now worth a few thousand.

Throughout the Nineties, few young British artists resisted the urge to go forth and multiply. Damien Hirst adopted the "ready-made" principle and packaged up ping-pong balls in high-ball glass tumblers. while Mark Wallinger made mini, die-cast equestrian statuettes to help offset the cost of buying his real chestnut racehorse. Sometimes you're buying a highly-crafted, cherishable item - sometimes a jokey bit of ephemeral tat. But where does one find

The newest addition to the multiple maries History?" ket is the Multiple Store, an independent research unit based within Central St fresh stream of famous people like these

cently launched with a collection of six new commissions in editions of 20 to 200, priced from £90 to £495, and from artists such as Cornelia Parker, Keith Coventry and Turner-Prize winner Grenville Davey.

"We thought there was a market for an organisation bringing artists to a new distribution network," explains Multiple Store director Sally Townsend. "We're like publishers really, and we'll keep adding to the collection throughout the year. We're trying to enable artists to explore ideas in materials they may not be familiar with, while bringing their work to a wider audience. Multiples, by their very nature, allow you to bring the price down and reach more people, yet you're still buying something

pretty exclusive that won't be made again." The collection goes on show this week both at Central St Martin's and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, and continues to tour nationally to non-gallery venues, as well as being available via the World Wide Web (www.multiplestore.org) and mail order.

"I find these opportunities quite fruitful," says the Scottish sculptor, Kenny Hunter. "Like public art projects, the Multiple Store commission has taken my work in directions it wouldn't otherwise have gone in. If you're designing everything for a white-cube gallery space, you might go round in tight circles. This helps to extend your range.

Hunter (who currently has a solo show giant, toy-like figures at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery), has produced a pair of busts, as his multiple, depicting Monica Lewinsky and Saudi bomber-and pan-Islamist, Osama Bin Laden. A skit on the traditional iconic piano-top heads of Beethoven, Socrates, Burns and Lenin, the curvy, resin duo pose the question: "What

"The newspapers throw up a constant Martin's College of Art & Design, which re- for us to digest, all with a very short shelf-



Osama Bin Laden and Monica Lewinsky in 'What is History?', a skit on the traditional iconic piano-top heads

life," explains Hunter. "They're good, wee bookends," he recommends. "Nice and heavy, they'd be good murder weapons."

Simon Periton usually makes whisperingly delicate paper cut-out doilies, but decided to make his multiple in glass. "Afterwards, I went glass bonkers for a bit." laughs Periton, "and spun off to make glass mushrooms and an 8ft floor doily in enamel-painted glass." His multiple, Barbiturate, is a dainty, gently kinking strand of fragile, hand-twisted barbed wire in opaque lilac, black or white glass. "It enabled me to finally use an idea which had been sitting in my brain for years," he says.

Once he conceived the piece, the Multiple Store put him in touch with Bill Tuffnell and the London Glassblowing Workshop, to embark on the lengthy process of working out how to make the barbed wire. "It felt strange being so hands-off," Periton admits, "when normally I cut every piece myself in my studio. I wanted to make something simple, beautiful, useless and ornamental. The hazards turned upon its owner, who's now got to laden, end-of-century fear of the unknown." take care of it."

or ornament," insists Graham Gussin, who has taken an Atlas of the Stars and pulped it to make a large disc, luminously pale and slightly speckled, which looks like a wonderful, inter-planetary Alka Seltzer. "This is designed to be hung up and out of

the way, ideally 7ft above normal picture-

hanging height. The idea was to take infi-

nite, unmappable space, and condense it." Several years ago. Cornelia Parker bought a Namibian iron meteorite, intending to launch it back into space. "It's an irregular. long and knobbly rusty rock, a fragment of some spent star, and while it's still here on earth I thought I'd use it as a drawing implement," Parker laughs. Gripping it with tongs, she heats it up then

burns careful holes across her London street atlas. First she takes out the Millennium Dome, then the Houses of Parliament, Wormwood Scrubs, Buckingham Palace, and St Paul's Cathedral, charring her way down through the pastel-tinted pages in her own rampaging Fire of London. "It's your own personalised meteorite associated with using barbed wire are now fall," she says, "tying in with that doom-

Scottish artists Dalziel and Scullion "I did not want to make a knick-knack are seasoned multiplicists. Treating the TV

like a budgie's cage, they made a successful series of little sleeping hoods marked Rest to drape over your television at night (in handy 17-inch and portable 14-inch sizes). Their latest multiple is The Idea of North, a delightfully simple compass floating in a chunky disc of sandblasted perspex, as if caught in the middle of a glacier. The idea presented itself when their nextdoor neighbour called round in desperate need of a compass so he could line-up the arrow on his new weather vane.

"I love the idea of everyone around the country holding these compasses at a slightly different angle, but them all still pointing in the same direction, at the same imaginary place," muses Matthew Dalziell. "The more that are bought, the more the work grows. They all become connected, with people dotted around the place, all joined in the same idea. That for me is the essence of a multiple, rather than just an edition: something that becomes a bigger work because there's more of them. It's also a good compass," he adds. "It's Swedish. It could save your life." It makes a a fabulous paperweight, too, and just think how it could sort out all your feng shui needs.

"I think for people not used to buying art,

there's a great feeling of safety in numbers," considers Gill Hedley director of the Contemporary Art Society – spoken as if a surge of collective Dalziell and Scullion compasses were already quivering in her hand. "Multiples are great," she says, pointing out her Tracy Emin Mug, Mariele Neudecker plaster mountain, and jars of Anya Gallaccio gerberas. "It's rather like buying prints - a way of getting your nerve up before committing yourself to buying something much bigger and more expensive. You couldn't usually afford works by a lot of these artists. In fact, you probably couldn't even get them in the front door."

Multiple Store at Lethabu Galleru, Central Saint Martin's College of Art & Design, Southampton Row, London until 30 April. Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield until 20 June (01924 830302)

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## A vision of the victims of war

DEBORAH BRUCE'S lovely poetic revival of Making Noise Quietly, Robert Holman's 1986 triptych about lives touched and damaged by war, arrives in the West End at a tragically auspicious moment. With Nato and the Government intent on simplifying the Balkans conflict to a monolithic struggle between Good and Evil we need the sanity of this play's scrupu-

lous vision more than ever. A finely wrought moodpiece as much as a delicately nuanced moral meditation, Making Noise Quietly achieves its impact by examining war's awkwardly reveals to a ganglong-range effects in seemingly incongruous atmospheres. The nearest we get to battle is in the sound of the Doodlebugs thathammer down on the neighbouring Kentish fields in rocked his certainties was the the first play, Being Friends, set spectacle, in the hospital where

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MAKING NOISE QUIETLY WHITEHALL THEATRE LONDON in the hot summer of 1944.

Hailing from a family with a long pacifist tradition, Holman is preoccupied by the problem of evil: does it exist in a form to which the only viable moral response is war? John Lloyd Fillingham's Oliver, a conscientious objector working on the land, is now struggling with his pacifist beliefs as he ly, uninhibited, well-connected young artist (Peter Hanly) in a chance, pastorally idyllic encounter that is full of wry homo-erotic subcurrents. What

he used to work, of a German soldier who appeared to have been brutally tortured. The fact that Oliver's pacifism is jolted by an atrocity so close to home is characteristic of a triptvch that declines to see things in black-and-white terms.

Given a haunting continuity here by having the excellent actors double roles, by silhouetted costume changes and by the dreamily unresolved incidental music, the three pieces have a powerful cumulative effect. The most clear-cut, perhaps, is the second, set during the Falklands War, in which an ordinary Cleveland housewife (Eleanor Bron) fights to cope with the news that her snobbish, long-estranged son has (a) perished on HMS Glamorgan and (b) married behind their backs into a top naval family.



John Lloyd Fillingham and Peter Hanly Geraint Lewis

The play is a subtle study of the decorum est patriotic sound. social and emotional pressures that can turn an instinctive re- est, and another Falklands vetvulsion of war into a dulce et eran, on the run from the army

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world of society weddings,

royal encounters, and red car-

pets to great effect. At one and

the same time, he deploys it to

heighten his stage-blocking of

the opera's many choruses,

while mocking its absurdity.

Carsen uses the over-

to its empty walls.

draw a little boy (the excellent Phillip Dowling) out of his defiant mutism and to bring home to the stepfather - whose army-

induced terror of his capacity for violence is superbly con-veyed by Mr Lloyd Fillingham that he is not evil incarnate. But thanks to a most movingly unsentimental performance from Ms Bron and to the writing's wonderful open-endedness, all the pitfalls are avoided. Cut to 1986 in the Black For-PAUL TAYLOR

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with his eight-year-old stepson,

comes into testing collision with

beautiful of the plays.

#### a German businesswoman and **America** Holocaust survivor in the most The opportunities for notes of false uplift are rife in this kind of story: a victim of the camps wages a determined battle to

POP TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS

WITH TOM Waits, Bruce Springsteen and now Tom Petty back in the spotlight, this spring has witnessed the return of a trio of great Ameri-Waits, like Springsteen, Petty is a pop-classicist who has no interest in chasing the musical Zeitgeist. His new album Echo - his 10th with the Heartbreakers - namechecks Benny Goodman and

Glenn Miller, and musically it's a comfortingly familiar mélange of folk- and blues-inflected Americana. Hardly revolutionary, then, but Petty is a link to those halcyon days before Jeremy Clarkson and Michael Bolton gave AOR a bad name.

Tonight's gig was the first Petty and his band have played in the UK for seven years. With Mike Campbell (who wrote "The Boys of Summer" with Don Henley) and session legends Benmont Tench and Howie Epstein in the firing-line there was no doubting the line-up's credentials. Their heartbreaking days, however, are definitely behind them.

Petty, now 48, took the stage grinning. In his threequarter length coat and pinstripe trousers, he still looked dapper, and throughout his fits the bill. performance he sought eye contact with the front row. During "Breakdown" he was A version of this review ap-

was clearly surprised at just how well the audience remembered his Seventies hits. When he placed a lit cigarette SHEPHERD'S BUSH EMPIRE between the strings on the headstock of his Telecaster. everybody cheered. It was an anachronistic gesture that contexturised Petty as neatly as his Byrds harmonies, his vintage guitar collection and the economic melodies that he can singer/songwriters. Like refined to virtually near perfection on his 1989 solo début

Full Moon Fever. "I won't back down", a track from that album, provided the first sing-along of the evening. Petty led on acoustic guitar and Tench added a typically inventive organ figure. Elsewhere, much of the set which included a number by John Mayall's Bluesbreakers

- was heads-down, no-nonsense rock'n'roll. The Heartbreakers might best be described as a very good pub rock outfit, but if God had a local, they'd probably be the house band.

There's a neologism currently doing the rounds which describes the late Nineties. middle-aged male's fixation with more youthful pursuits: "adulescent". There's certainly an "adulescent" quality to Petty's boy-meets-girl. driving-around-with-the-roofdown snapshots. It's hard to absorb a gig such as this one without a nostalgic eye in the rear-view, but if you want a fast track to the days when you were born to run, Petty still

JAMES MCNAIR

relaxed enough to sing with peared in some editions of one hand in his pocket, and he 'yesterday's paper

## The old, old story of girl meets god

"MYSELF I shall adore." sings the error of her foolish ways Semele with fabulous immodesty in the final act of Handel's Bacchus, god of wine, to bring wonderful opera. This is the apogee of her vanity, the moment of her undoing, and as charmed and touched by her ever, Handel elevates the frivolity to high art. The breathtaking self-regard of the coloratura is, in itself, like a mirror-image, dazzling echo effects tossing phrases back and forth as Semele is lost - quite literally – in self-admiration.

Rosemary Joshua sang it with terrific charm and abandonment in Robert Carsen's handsome staging (first seen at the Aix-en-Provence Festival in 1996). Her embellishments seemed to proliferate in direct accordance with her dizzying conceit. Glitter and be gay.

Semele? Good-time girl with some dignity. For sure, he cru-events unfolding beyond - is imdefusions of immortality sees elly exploits Semele's gullibil- pressively versatile. With a en!", "Where Eagles Dare".

and is reborn in the form of untold pleasure to all? Well, yes, that is about it. And yet we are plight. In a sense, we participate in her dreams, refusing to accept, as she does, that she is but a plaything of the gods. And in that, Carsen succeeds, as good productions do, in weighting the frivolity and the satire with a dash of wonder and

Semele's final moments, expiring on the royal mantle she truly believes is rightly hers, is strangely moving. Handel doesn't indulge her demise with a full-blown exit aria. Her accompanied recitative, albeit Patrick Kinmonth's palatial set of hypnotic beauty, is but a footnote. And even that serialadulterer Jupiter emerges with

**OPERA** SEMELE ENO COLISEUM LONDON

ity, allowing her to believe that what is his is hers. Don't they all? But he does so openly. He offers her the world - at the

close of act two she literally holds it in her hand - but she wants the moon and stars, too. Actually, this is the kind of production Semele might have designed for herself. It's cool, it's chic, it's straight from the pages of Vogue magazine, circa Cecil Beaton's heyday. A kind

So Semele, caught in the flash-bulbs of public attention on her wedding day, slips from the frame of one "photograph" to share her dilemma with us. And later, when news arrives that Jupiter - in the form of an of mythological high society. eagle - has carried her off, the somewhat po-faced recitative - a midnight-blue room with is amusingly offset by the arrival of the daily papers, ban-ner headlines proclaiming: "By one mightily auspicious doorway, the portal to momentous Jove!", "Semele: I'm in Heav-

the production sits well in the Coliseum, but the price embellishments. And the we pay in this house is a lack excellent Janis Kelly is a sceneof musical immediacy. Carsen's big gestures and the theatre's upon attendant, armed with big acoustic do spread Handel about. Conductor Harry Bicket does his level best to keep him in focus, both in and out of the pit, but the choral counterpoint is seriously compromised, and even the

to some extent diminished by the scale. Rosemary Joshua has made the title role very much her own, delighting in the sensuousness and sheer naughtiness of her music ("Endless Pleasure" is delivered in a bath towel draped to slip conveniently from her naked form). John Mark Ainsley's Jupiter gives us the most contained and authoritative singing of Radio 3, 7pm, 15 May

The Olympian grandeur of the evening, "Where'er you walk" blessed with exquisite stealing Iris - the Queen's putphotographic evidence of Jove's infidelities and even maps of his whereabouts. The Queen - Juno (Susan Bickley) -is, well, The Queen, Coronet, spectacles, that handbag, and even the headscarf and wellies. strongest of the principals are No corgi, though.

While the champagne flows and flows, courtesy of Bacchus, in the closing moments, there's a delicious pay-off as she spots Jove yet again with his hands where they ought not to be. Freeze frame. **EDWARD SECKERSON** 

Bor office: 0171 632 8300: 'Semele' will be broadcast live simultaneously on BBC2 and

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# The West End's new beginning

riddle England, middle-of-the-road and the wrong side of middle-aged: that's the prevailing image of West End theatre audiences. So when commercial producers transferred the subsidised theatre production of Mark Ravenhill's hit Shapping and Fucking on to Shaftesbury Avenue, rival managements shook their heads in disbelief. An Arts Council tour of a

"controversial" play is one thing, but a run in the heart of London's theatreland? In fact, it did sensational business and even extended its run. Successfully targeting new work at new audiences has been the holy grail for years so with productions like East is East, Trainspotting and The Weir proving that there's a younger, less traditional audience hungry for

non-conventional West End fare, maybe at last there's a viable alternative to star vehicles and polite plays with french windows and drinks trolleys. Leaping from subsidised theatre into London's commercial sector come producers Sonia Friedman and Dominic Dromgoole, filling the Ambassadors and Whitehall theatres with equally audacious programmes.





The 1952 incarnation of "The Mousetrap" (left) and 'Shopping and Fucking': new young audiences are encouraging producers to drop traditional fare in favour of fresh talent

Topham/Geraint Lewis

onia Friedman left Out of Joint, the enormously successful new writing company she set up with Max Stafford-Clark, for one of the most exciting jobs in British theatre. Not only is she now commissioning, developing and co-programming a dizzying array of work in theatres across the country, she is also attempting to change the pattern of London's commercial theatre with the creation of the New Ambassadors Theatre.

For the last two years this venue has been home to the Royal Court but, as that organisation exits in preparation for its new Sloane Square theatre – the openin date of which remains worryingly uncertain - Friedman has ensured that this theatre will not return to its former handto-mouth existence of intermittent, respectable runs of respectable plays.

Friedman may not exactly be on a mission to chuck out the theatrical chintz but alongside her opening late-night slot of Michael Wynne's cult hit Sell Out, performed by the hot fringe company Frantic Assembly, her first offering hardly fits the "safety-first" world view of your standard West End producer. Holy Mothers is a fierce comedy by the late Austrian playwright Werner Schwab. "It's not going to be to everybody's taste," says Friedman with a confident smile. "Some will call it vulgar, some offensive, some hysterical." Her programme is as notable for its var-

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iety as for its bravery. Between now and 2000 you'll be seeing Last Dance at Dum Dum, by East is East's author Ayub-Khan Din: Mark Ravenhill's Some Explicit Polaroids; Drummers, Simon Bennett's début, Shared Experience's production of Jane Eyre, and Spoonface Steinberg with Kathryn Hunter. Friedman's board at the Turnstiles Group must be happy; they've given her the go-ahead for a fur-ther six months, to include a long-await-

ed transfer for Frozen, by Bryony Lavery. Friedman has achieved all this by her pragmatism. "The question has been about looking at the bottom line: what a theatre owner needs to make on an annual basis to make it worthwhile to keep this theatre open." Potentially profitmaking musicals are out of the question because both the stage and the audience



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SONIA FRIEDMAN

capacity are far too small. (Friedman has. however, smartly reduced the seating from 450 to 410, to increase leg room.) The key has been the business of not budgeting for so-called "dark" weeks. As soon as a show can't clear enough profit to cover costs. it closes, leaving a theatre dark and losing money. "It quickly became clear that if you could have it open 52 weeks a year, you could spread the running costs."

Those costs are prohibitive for all but dead certs. Beyond production expenses. a commercial producer expects to pay the weekly rental on a theatre and what's called the "contra". This covers front-ofhouse staff, ushers, bar staff, stage door-man and at least four full-time permanent technical staff, plus lighting operator. sound operator and fireman. Friedman is trying to change all this. "We are just charging a fee which is 15-18 per cent of the capacity of the house." Everything else is profit that will go to the companies.

It's very important to her that the New Ambassadors is a West End theatre operating on Society of London Theatre contracts. Venues regularly producing strong work, such as the Lyric Hammersmith and the Almeida, are ineligible for the Olivier awards for the simple but absurd reason

that they operate on different contracts. Friedman is in discussion with the technicians' union Bectu but although her proposed minimum staffing levels levels are lower than normal, the sheer turnover of productions and the fact that the theatre will open seven days a week, 52 weeks a year, should level the playing field. Actors will be paid above the (paltry) Equity West End minimum of £286 per week.

The other boon for individual companies is that all the work will be centrally marketed and publicised. Friedman's season brochure alone will be distributed to 250,000 theatregoers. That represents a drastic cost reduction for incoming companies. A planned-for London run also allows them to attract good casts - actors with families don't like touring unless they get payback in terms of being noticed, and a six-week London run means just that.

But though there will be some work from the middle-scale touring circuit. many of whom are desperate to play a venue like this, Friedman's focus is resolutely on new writing, not on star-casting, "It's about the work, " she says, simply:

So will this operate as a subscription season? "No. I'm very against them. For the performers, knowing that the same people are sitting in the same seats for every show in a widely diverse season isn't good. We're targeting different audiences for each piece of work. The audience for Holy Mothers isn't going to be the same as will see Jane Eyre." She certainly doesn't want to get into the business of rejecting work because it doesn't fit the regular audience profile. "Do that, and you've lost your policy."

Friedman's aim is to blur the boundaries of so-called "mainstream" and "fringe". She's determined to affect the landscape. "I couldn't possibly do this work commercially without the support of the subsidised sector. We need each other very: very badly. The New Ambassadors will be part of the big picture. It will stop work like Frantic Assembly from being marginalised. This way, new plays and companies playing opposite The Ivy and next to The Mousetrup can be assessed alongside Art and The Phantom of the Upera." DAVID BENEDICT

he words "Whitehall Theatre" make you think of vicars dropping their trousers and French maids hiding in cupboards. You do not think of delicate, complex and subtle playwriting by Chekhov, John Whiting or even Robert Holman. But one of several unexpected developments in the West End is the residency of Dominic Dromgoole's Oxford Stage Company in that big old 1930s barn of a theatre in which Ray Cooney was once king.

As a matter of fact, in the opening production. Making Noise Quietly by Robert iolman, trousers are dropped, but here it is an epiphanal moment between a Quaker conscientious objector and a homosexual novelist in a field in wartime Kent. Sitting shoulder-to-shoulder for one of the previews, the new- and old-style West End audiences responded differently. Some of the traditionalists couldn't resist a little tut. "Is that really necessary?" muttered one lady, as if a flash of suspenders would have been more to her taste.

"It's, of course, a monster raving loony idea to put a play as exquisite and fine as Robert's in a place like that," says an unabashed Dominic Dromgoole. "But it's unspeakably refreshing, and it works like a dream in there." Dromgoole's reputation was consolidated by a thoroughly admirable decade at the Bush Theatre. during which time he launched the careers of writers including Jonathan Harvey. Sebastian Barry and Conor McPherson. as well as innumerable actors. From there he moved up West, into the Old Vic with Peter Hall, with responsibility for new writing. One of his aims was to overturn "that awful mentality, which is partly the fault of the media. but also the timidity of the profession, which says that small plays can only be done in small theatres. That's

Though the Old Vic season proved that in certain cases - though by no means all - he was right, the unforgiving logic of commerce forced them out into the cold. Dromgoole then took on the touring Oxford Stage Company. In order to raise the company's profile and keep his own standing high, he approached a number of West End managements with a view to

infantile, it's bollocks,".



'I find it shocking how much money is going to waste in these regional companies'

DOMINIC DROMGOOLE

bringing the touring work into town. Associated Capital Theatres (ACT), which owns nine West End houses, asked him to spell out his fantasy option. And then they gave it to him - the Whitehall. Oxford Stage Company gets the theatre rent-free, but pays running costs and marketing for six, six-week runs programmed and produced by Dromgoole. In return, they hope a vaguely disreputable theatre. host to Channel 5's Jack Docherty Show and little else for two years, will be transformed into a hot spot for quality drama.

"To do it as a financial risk would be a flagrant misuse of public funds, and a bit naughty as well, "chuckles Dromgoole. In order to fulfil the company's existing touring obligation, while indulging in this metropolitan adventure, he "released" £450,000 from the budget and from the company's reserves. That represents some pretty hefty streamlining. "If you come from a 'poor theatre' background like I do, it's quite shocking to find how much money is going to waste in these regional companies," he says. "You can see where two people are being paid to do one per-

son's work, and just out right through it." Dromgoole's own production of Three Sisters, on tour at the moment, will follow

*Making Noise Quietly*, and then he hopes to buy in another one or two productions before opening A Penny for a Song, a John Whiting play which he also directs. "I'd like to get a couple of new plays in as soon as possible, but it's a question of finding the right product," he says, hanging on to his old commitments while being at ease with the new jargon of commercial management. He readily admits to enjoying the "pleasantly hard-headed logic" of the West End. "The criteria for whether something will work or not are very blunt and easy. They want you to make enough money on it." He is securely buffered from the sharper edges of commerciality by ACT's remarkable deal, but the implication is that it's a relief to take a break from the need to satisfy the funding bodies' social, political and educational criteria.

The risk, at least financially, is more on the side of the management. But a dark theatre is the worst option for any theatrical management. They won't receive any rent for the next 40 weeks, but they won't pay any costs either, so if the magic works, their gains will be manifold. Deborah Bruce, 29-year-old director of Making Noise Quietly, says the theatre's technical crew is the most helpful she has worked with as they are so delighted the theatre is showing serious drama again.

It's a pretty exciting opportunity for a young director like her, as well. "A lot more people will come to see the work at the Whitehall than were prepared to come to. say, Chester," she points out archly. She has worked on the main stages of Chester Gateway and Theatr Clywd, but never a theatre as large as the 660-seater Whitehall. She remains unfazed, and the transition seems seamless. But most significant is the conceptual leap to the West End which will change her outlook, and that of her contemporaries. For younger writers and designers as well as directors, the West End is now a possible option. Dominic Dromgoole's dream outcome is the breaking of new talent. "If Robert's play could settle in. that would make me blissful," he says. "If you can make a case for a fine play like that, the

CLARE BAYLEY

#### ON THE FRINGE

INNER CITY JAM THE COCKPIT IN THE IGNORAMUS AND THE MANIAC THE WHITE BEAR IN ANNIVERSARY SMEET THE FINBOROUGH

INNER CITY Jam starts with a spine-jolting smash of corrugated iron. This is the wake-up call to a musical jumping and humping with vitality, which plunges the audience into a King's Cross estate and takes it through the stories of drug addicts, prostitutes, underage mothers and lunatics. No one falls in love, no one realises their dream, and there are no infuriating, allredeeming messages. In short, this is not a musical with saccharine in its soul.

Although the production renounces glitter, it has several stars in its cast. Danny Edwards sings more naturally than he breathes, and lilts round the stage squeezing stylish camp out of every cell in his body. As

a sex-video producer, singing, "It's not hard at all. just get a hard-on and keep it hard", he is accompanied by the elastic dancing skills of Paul Sharma, who turns the movement of limbs into a seamless magic.

Juliet Roberts, playing the maternal Joy, has worked with Miles Davis and Stevie Wonder, and in her theatrical debut charges her songs with such energy that she gets repeated standing ovations. As the only religious voice in a musical powered by lines such as: "What are summer nights made of? Too much heat, and shit on the street", and "What's pink and hard? A pig with a flick-knife", she does well to stand out in a show

characterised by secular sardonicisms, grit, and hard-core delivery.

The largely black. working-class audience. cheering at every antiestablishment gesture. would probably have less time for The Ignorumus and the Maniac, and its middle-class preoccupations with opera. fine wines, and the relationship between a gifted daughter and her over-ambitious father.

This would be until it noticed the subversive. fascinating dissection of how humans try to control the world through their obsessions: a doctor reduces all human beings to a series of anatomical lists: an alcoholic father is

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emotionally dependent on his daughter's career as an opera-singer; and she lives to crack the suffocating shell created hall by her father, half by her talent.

The Austrian playaright Thomas Bernhard who died in 1989), has created a surreal dialogue in which the three main characters' individual obsessions mean that they cannot talk properly to each other. Like parallel lines, their ideas about opera-singing run together smoothly side by side, but never meet. Dale Rapley, as the doctor, talks in arrogantly cemic streams of anatomical jargen - such as: "A lobulated liver has scar-like crevasses, my friend." His delivery is so

sharp, he could make a

telephone directory sound like an interesting philosophy, while Lucy Stevens, debating the emotional quandary of how to escape the role of perfect performer, reveals a powerful voice and a poised delivery that underpin Matthias Janser's stylish.

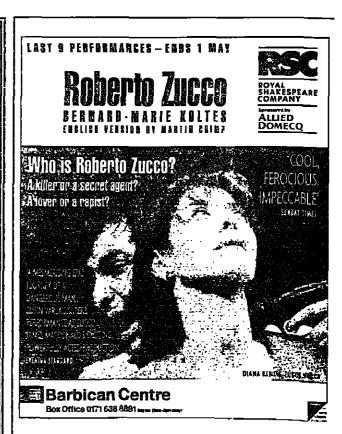
self-possessed production. The on-stage mirror encapsulates the conflict between objective nerception and emotional identity in the operasinger's voice, but no such symbolism could be inferred from the set of Anniversary Sweet, which simply mirrors the existence of twentysomethings - a twilight zone between college and civilisation Andrew Muir's first play

deals with a man who takes revenge on flatmates after they force him out for motives based on drugs. sex, and ambition.

The production starts off patchy, but the dialogue is funky and fun, and the denouement surprisingly powerful. Carolla Stewart. all Chanel and enhanced teeth, is a great upper-class mother. But the real star is Andrew Muir, whose sense of structure and conversation make him a writer to watch.

RACHEL HALLIBURTON

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## The naked truth

I WORK FOR...

CHERYL SUMMERS IS PA TO EILEEN MEADMORE, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES



Cheryl Summers: 'Our switchboard has been jammed with enquiries for the new calendar, featuring nude WI members from North Yorkshire'

work here and. like many. had an unfortunate "jamand-Jerusalem" image of the Women's Institute, so it was quite a revelation to see what really goes on. Obviously, the members of the WI are famous for their jam-making and they do sing "Jerusalem" before their meetings, but there is so much more to our organisation than that. I had also assumed that membership just involved meeting up once a month, so I was quite shocked by how much the members do.

I've now been here nine years and some of my colleagues have been here for 30. I think there's something about the WI that appeals to professional and dedicated people. Of course, as a modern-minded organ-such as better screening for breast isation, we are changing all the to be able to implement new ideas.

For example, our switchboard has been jammed with enquiries over the new calendar featuring nude WI members from a North Yorkshire institute, and the shop

was only 21 when I started which sells the calendar received so many calls that its phone line went dead. The response has been fantastic and has challenged the stereotype of the older WI member, for it shows the sense of humour many of us share, Eileen Meadmore was very supportive, as am I. Mind you, I don't think I would have had the guts to pose myself. We want people to realise that there is so much more to us than

meets the eye. Yes, there are cakedecorating courses but there are also a lot of members who want to participate in matters of international importance. We aren't merely interested in women's issues; anything involving the community, children and family concerns us. For example, we are involved in issues cancer, and the environment. We can take courses in almost anything. including car maintenance.

I think my job has changed a lot over the years. I took over as head me who opened the first WI meeting of secretariat in April 1997, having in England, I will enjoy researching because - in common with most of

moved through many departments, including the member services department and the finance department, However, I had always wanted this job because I enjoy being in contact with everyone and I didn't really have a head for figures. I like the challenge of organising, working out procedures and making sure that everything runs smoothly. Generally there are good communication links

I would never be embarrassed to say that I work for the Women's Institute

dential college, where members four of whom are men. I receive many phone queries from any one of our 252,000 members on a wide range of subjects. If someone asks

the subject; it's fascinating to get a picture of life so many years ago. Eileen actually lives in West Yorkshire, so I don't see a lot of her. When

she is here, her time is precious, but I keep in telephone contact with her. which seems to work well. We have a good working relationship and I enjoy using my own initiative. She spends a lot of time travelling and speaking to members on subjects of their choice. Among the most popular is her account of her trip to Buckingham Palace to present a WI centenary silver medal to the Queen and the Queen Mother, both members of the Sandringham WI.

Eileen is very approachable, pos-itive and upbeat. Of course, it is sometimes disheartening when we get bad press, but one of our policies is to try and see the best in every- leave and have had brilliant support between us all; very rarely do I have thing. As chairman, Eileen is a WI from my colleagues, partly because herself and ones to all her local meetings, so she is well placed to implement both the executive committee's policies and the members' points of view. I. however. have never been to a WI meeting

the staff - I am not a member. The feeling is that since we are working on implementing policies, it might compromise us to have the interests of a local group in mind. But staff tend to join their local WI after they leave, reflecting the fact that many women become members on retirement, when they are looking for something more in life. Mind you, our youngest member is just 12.

I would never be embarrassed to say that I work for the WL I think they are pillars of the community and my biggest high is the annual general meeting. To see as many as 10.000 like-minded people together is fabulous, and then to hear them sing "Jerusalem" makes the hairs stand up on the back of my neck.

I've just got back from maternity understand the pressures.

The years have just flown by; in fact it wasn't until this interview that I realised how long I have been here. INTERVIEW BY KATTE SAMPSON

# By e-mail, the dreadful truth

HANNAH SEEMS to be over her fluey thing, and Doug seems to be persona grata again. I think that last week's expression of concern was followed up with a visit and some expressions in person. So though when Love Went Wrong Nothing Went Right last week, it's a case of Love is the Drug this. Honestly, you'd have thought that two eople in their thirties would have got used to endorphin highs by now, but these two seem to be permanently stoned now they're back on speakers. Hannah's gone from bigshouldered business suits to floaty summer dresses. She would probably die of hypothermia at the bus stop if she didn't have her lurve to keep her warm. Doug, too, has softened up his style: his hair, which was in a Beckham quiff last week, has turned Hugh Grant this, flopping into his eyes in a fashion that makes you want to get out a stapler and fix it firmly to his scalp.

The thing is, though they are undoubtedly nicer to be around well, no one likes to be with people whose primary means of communication is bellowing the resurgence of this love affair doesn't make life easier for me.

I'll be telling Hannah about where things stand on my attempts to set up a meeting with the national sales team or whatever, and I'll realise that she's drifted off into hyperspace. And if I glance across the floor, I'll realise that Doug is walking over to the coffee machine. So I'll stop talking and go back to shuffling bits of paper until Doug has got his caffeine fix and disappeared back round the corner. Then Hannah will heave a sigh and go, "Sorry. Where were we?" and I'll try to rush through the information before he decides he needs to take a photocopy.

The thing is, despite the tantrums, the loving looks, the long lunches, the two of them obviously think they are conducting their affair in the utmost secrecy. They seem to believe that, as long as they don't actually wrap themselves round each other and start humping over the reception the wiser. Which is a laugh, because the whole thing is the subject of fevered office gossip There's even a file in the computer system called "Hand", which I presume is an



#### THE TEMP

amalgamation of their two names. It's an open file anyone can access it - and contains a log of the whole thing. Things they've said about each other, things they've said to each other, a mysterious log of the times and dates when the Disabled loo (capacious, sound-proofed and never needed by disabled people - as in most offices, we don't have any) has been in use for more than 20 minutes at a time and oh, you naughty hackers - a record of every e-mail they've ever sent each other.

"Bit miserable today.

Couldn't help thinking about

what you said last night. Did you really mean it?" "I keep telling you, you MUST TRUST ME." "Where dinner tonight?" "You know what I really fancy? Going back to yours and getting out the whipped cream(!)" "Don't you dare ever, ever mention your ex-wife again in front of me. I'm not your agony aunt." "Hannah, can you remember where I left the massage oil? I can't find it anywhere." "D. Feeling squeezy. Can you spare 20 mins? See you in you-knowwhere." "Bloody Pearson wants that report turned round by tomorrow morning. Sorry, darling. Promise I'll make it up to you on Friday."

"Squidgybum." "Big boy." And at the bottom, just above this week's rash of "I love you so so so much", there's a series that makes my stomach leap. "Your temp? Don't be absurd." "Yes you do. I saw you looking at her." "Was looking to see if you were in."
"Lying BASTARD." "What on earth would I want with a temp when I've got a real woman?" "You want some soppy little slag who'll do anything you ask." "You're being silly. I couldn't fancy her. She's probably got an IQ of 10." minutes to work out how to switch the computer on when she arrived." "And anyway, have you seen the size of her arse? It looks like two bowling balls in a rucksack."

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## To make tea or not to make tea: that is the question

Want to get on in the office? Don't trip up on the politics. By Kate Hilpern

IT'S YOUR first day in a new company and in an obvious attempt to pull your weight, you answer every ringing phone. Until, that is, some ill-natured woman snaps: "I wouldn't advise invading other people's space like that." So on your next assignment, you take heed - but it turns out to be the wrong decision yet again. "Are you deaf?" a colleague barks.

Similar feuds and unspoken quarrels may be caused by the issu∈ of who makes tea and coffee, whether you can borrow other people's terminals, and how many personal items you are allowed to have on your workspace. This, claim business psychologists, is "Office Politics, Nineties Style" - and it is on the increase.

Dr Marilyn Davidson, senior lecturer in organisational psychology at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, explains: Petty irritations have long been a source of warfare in the office environment. But modern pressures at work mean they are more likely to affect staff relations and prevent company

objectives being reached." After all, she says, British people are spending more time than ever in the office - far exceeding any other European country. And today's office designs mean people are forced to sit closer together.

"Job insecurity is at a peak and as it is more than your job's worth to vent anger in the boss's direction, you do so in the direction of colleagues and subordinates," says Davidson. "These people who might have been your friends may now be in direct competition with you. And because the feelings are and am convinced that there redeeply personal, the arguments also tend to be."

Susan Williams, an occupational psychologist believes secretarial staff are hit the hardest. Traditionally, they're the ones given all the menial tasks on top of their normal duties, and are also most likely to be talked down to. In the late-Eighties, when secretaries and PAs became recognised as a valuable asset, this became outdated. In the Nineties when "hierarchy" became a bad word - it became even more so. But downsizing and job insecurity has led to its return in many organisations.

mains a very strong wish to keen women in a certain role."

Research shows that women tend to adopt a more team-orientated style at work and therefore tend to be more willing than men to pitch in to achieving humble duties, adds Dr Davidson - which also isn't necessarily in their favour. "You try to help by making the drinks when everyone else is pushed for time - but before you know it, it's become an expectation and you're being taken advantage of." The trick she advises, is not to be remembered as "that lovely girl who made a nice cup of tea."

Don't be fooled into thinking only those with legitimate power are the leaders

Beverly Stone, author of Confronting Company Politics (MacMillan), says this is particularly likely to happen in industries such as banking and retail. "That's because they value competition which can encourage ruthlessness and stress. In a media or advertising-based company, however, things tend to be a lot more flexible and laid-back."

According to Neil Crawford, psychotherapist and consultant to organisations, it doesn't help that secretarial staff tend to be women. "Tea- and coffeemaking - which forms a large part of the focus of today's office politics - is the last vestige of an old system of top dogs and little women. I've researched gender issues in the workplace

Because of their unfamiliarity with the unwritten rules of office politics, temps, believes Crawford, get the rawest deal of all But Williams disagrees. "If you're not permanent staff, allowances are made

- not least because you serve as no threat to the other staff. For this kind of secretary, it's rather like looking after other people's children. You don't have to get involved in the nitty-gritty of child-rearing because it's accepted that you're going to hand them back at the end of the day. In fact, research shows that people often choose to be temps for the very reason that they don't have to get

involved in office politics." According to Edinburgh based psychologist, Ben Williams, irrespective of the length of time you expect to work for a company, it is wise to ask about the politics in your first week. "These rules are unlikely to exist in the form of firm policies, but they are usually very powerful. People will have the answers. Caught off guard they will usually be truthful. Anyway, it's a time when you're expected to ask questions about the running of the office."

Even better, he advises, ask group of colleagues since there is always the chance that a single person may see it as an opportunity to trip you up. "Don't be fooled into thinking that only those with legitimate power are the leaders. People at any level can gain a following and consequently, their behaviour, beliefs and values then get emulated. The way they can best achieve that is through Dewcomers.'

The good news is that an increasing number of companies, such as Unilever, Heineken and Philips, are recognising the worst repercussions of office politics and are attempting to avoid it usually by creating a "sociable" environment. The idea is to recruit the sort of people who will get on. Apart from stimulating creativity because it fosters team working rather than competition, it aims to encourage people to go beyond the limits of their job if they can find ways of helping their colleagues. In other words, you'll

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### NEW FILMS

ACTRESSES (15, 88 mins) Director: Ventura Pons

Starring: Rosa Mana Sarda, Nuria Espert Cult Spanish director Pons rustles up a googly-eyed bit of cinematic navel-gazing in this ode to the acting lark. Shot back in 1997 (before last year's art-house hit, Coresses), Actresses details the earnest research of Merce Pons's aspiring thespian - interviewing three diverse old hands (Rosa Maria Sardà, Nuria Espert, Anna Lizaran) about their life and times in the greasepaint trade. Part acting masterclass, part loquacious reminiscence, Actresses slowly stews in an ambi-ence of oppressive theatricality. Its performers talk as if they're being paid by the word.

HAPPINESS (18, 134 mins) Director: Todd Solondz

Repertory: ICA Cinema

Starring: Dylan Baker, Philip Seymour Hoffman See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Gate Notting Hill. Odeon Camden Town. Renoir, Ritzy Cinemu, Screen on Baker Street. Screen on the Green, Screen on the Hill. Virgin Haymarket

AN IDEAL HUSBAND (PG, 100 mins) Director: Oliver Parker

Starring: Cate Blanchett, Minnie Driver Stuffed-shirt politico Sir Robert Chiltern Geremy Northam) is being held to ransom by Julianne Moore's brittle blackmailer. Wife Cate Blanchett looks on in horror, while louche Rupert Everett and effervescent Minnie Driver provide the comic relief. And so it goes. Oliver Parker's film is a proficient but oddly mechanical overhaul of Oscar Wilde's still-pertinent satire of middle-class hypocrisies - the friction between the public and private sphere. The sharp dialogue is rather blurred by the snappy editing and sumptuous design, but bright playing from a starry cast helps to paper over the cracks.

West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Clapham

Picture House. Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, The Tricycle Cinema. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road And local cinemas

PROMETHEUS (15, 130 mins) **Director:** Tony Harrison

Starring: Michael Feast, Walter Sparrow Tony Harrison's dense and literate film-poem kicks off with a visit from Hermes (Michael Feast) to a depressed mining town in Yorkshire, before moseying off through the smokestack landscapes of polluted Eastern Europe. Harrison's rigorous. locomotive verse stokes an awkward and overclogged narrative (updating Aeschylus's Prometheus Bound) into life, but it's still too long,

too ill-paced, too heavy handed in its eco-conscious

message. Two hours in, and those rhyming couplets

start to grate a bit. West End: Notting Hill Coronet

RETURN TO PARADISE (15, 109 mins) Director: Joseph Ruben

Starring: Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche, Joaquin Phoena. David Conrad

Eden takes on a definite whiff of sulphur in the course of Joseph Ruben's fact-based saga, as two strutting graduate travellers (Vince Vaughn and David Conrad) are impelled to return to the scene of their former crimes when an erstwhile buddy (Joaquin Phoenix) is busted for drugs possession in Malaysia. A classic morality play in the "what would you do it?" mould, Return to Paradise still conspires to bungle its ready-made drama. Opening out as a taut marriage of Midnight Express and The Beach, its inherent tension seeps away throughout a pedestrian second half. A love angle between Vaughn and Anne Heche's earnest defence lawyer looks tacked on as an afterthought.

West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End And local cinemas

**Xan Brooks** 

### GENERAL RELEASE

**AMERICAN HISTORY X** (18, 117 mins) American History X is a liberal essay on right-wing Robert Lepage's third feature obliquely spotlights fanaticism, which nonetheless indulges in some dubious Nazi chic. West End: Odeon Comden Town, Odeon Kens-

ington, Odeon Marble Arch, Ritzy Cinema. But its fascinating elements fail to gel; its scenes Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

ARLINGTON ROAD (15, 117 mins) Mark Pellington's intriguingly staged paranoia Based on the source novel that inspired John thriller stars Jeff Bridges and Tim Robbins.

cinemas AN AUTUMN TALE (U, 111 mins)

The final part of Eric Rohmer's Tales of the Four Seasons is airily elegiac and as warm as sunshine. And local cinemas West End: Curzon Minema, Renoir

BEDROOMS AND HALLWAYS (15, 96 mins) The latest offering from the This Life school of British film-making sees Kevin McKidd's giddy Londoner being put through all manner of romantic hoops in the run-up to his 30th birthday.

West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Clapham Picture House, Odeon Mezzanine, Virgin Fulham Rd. Repertory: The Pullman Everyman

BLAST FROM THE PAST (12, 111mins) Hugh Wilson's workmanlike Cold War satire THE RED VIOLIN (15, 132 mins) starring Brendan Fraser. West End: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West

End. And local cinemas CENTRAL STATION (15, 110 mins) Central Station trails Fernanda Montenegro's

retired schoolteacher and her abandoned nineyear-old charge on a hunt through the badlands of Sertao for the boy's missing father. West End: Curzon Mayfair, Ritzy Cinema A CIVIL ACTION (15, 115 mins)

John Travolta's ambulance-chasing lawyer takes a shot at redemption in this complex and frequently absorbing courtroom saga. West End: Clapham Picture House, Empire Leicester Square, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

THE FACULTY (15, 104 mins) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensingion, Odeon Marble Arch. Odeon Swiss Cottage. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero,

Warner Village West End. And local cinemas GODS AND MONSTERS (15, 105 mins) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Curzon Soho, Metro, Virgin Fulham Road.

Repertory: Phoenix Cinema, Watermans 

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Curzon Soho, Odeon Camden Town, Ritzy Cinema

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (PG, 114 mins) Roberto Benigni's Oscar-winning comedy about fascist Italy and the death-camps.

West End: ABC Swiss Centre, Clapham Picture House. Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Mezzanine, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket Repertory: Phoenix Cinema. And local cinemas

MIGHTY JOE (PG, 114 mins) This children's comedy is disposable Disney fluff, yet it boasts a ready charm that's hard to dislike. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

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NÔ (15, 85 mins)

Quebec's push for independence in 1970 with an absurdist parallel that crosscuts between the trials of a troubled actress and her activist boyfriend. unravel: its reach exceeds its grasp. West End: ABC Swiss Centre

PAYBACK (18, 110 mins)

Boorman's Point Blank, this rumbling revenge West End: Warner Village West End. And local thriller sends its double-crossed-and-left-for-dead anti-hero (Mel Gibson) on a mission to get even. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End.

> PLUNKETT AND MACLEANE (15, 100 mins) Plunkett and Macieane (Robert Carlyle and Jonny Lee Miller) are rakish Dick Turpins cutting a dash through 18th-century society. Instead of a decent plot, director Jake Scott offers noise, colour and virtuoso pop-promo visuals.

West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town. Odeon Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square. Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Fulham Road. And local cinemas

François Girard's daisy chain of historical vignettes follows the course of a cursed violin down the centuries. Unfortunately, a thrift-shop budget leaves many of the period backdrops looking like cast-offs from a BBC schools programme. More crucially. Girard's bitty narrative leaves the film labouring in third gear throughout. West End: Barbican Screen, Odeon Harmarket,

THE RUGRATS MOVIE (U, 80 mins) Kids, no doubt, will eat this feature-length cartoon up. Adults should simply grin and bear it. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Ritzu Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero. Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

Odeon Swiss Cottage. And local cinemas

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15, 123 mins) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza. Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road. And local cinemas

**SLAM** (15, 99 mins)

Even if slam-poetry's clanking rhymes make you want to "slam" the perpetrator's head in a car door, Marc Levin's drama still carries an emotional force. West End: Metro, Ritzy Cinema. And local

TEA WITH MUSSOLINI (PG, 117 mins) Franco Zeffirelli's Teo with Mussolini is a typically loquacious tale of three dotty Brits (Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright) adrift in Mussolini-era Tuscany.

West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys.

THE THIN RED LINE (15, 170 mins)

Terrence Malick's long-awaited return to the director's chair is a fabulous, fever-struck war film. West End: Odeon Mezzanine, Virgin Haymarket.

WAKING NED (PG, 91 mins) This rattle-bag of a black comedy is just too air-brushed for its own good.

West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon West End, Virgin Chelsea. And

## THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

#### THE FIVE BEST FILMS

Gods and Monsters (15)

A droll speculation on the last days of 1930s horror auteur James Whale (lan McKellen), who is hypnotised by the alluring form of his Beverly Hills gardener (Brendan Fraser). Director Bill Condon won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Happiness (18) Set in New Jersey, Todd Solonda's second film is

a comedy of loneliness and sexual deviancy that reaffirms this young writer-director's talent.

High Art (18)

A portrait of the artist as lesbian screw-up. Lisa Cholodenko's bitterly witty take on New York fixing (and dying) boasts one of the performances of the year from Ally Sheedy.

The Faculty (15)

Kevin Williamson does it again with this sci-fi tale of alien invaders. Beautiful people, a sharp script. subversive morals, Piper Laurie... Why can't all teen films be like this?

Shakespeare in Love (15) This enjoyable, Oscar-laden historical romp suggests how romance fired Shakespeare with the inspiration for Romeo and Juliet. Joseph Fiennes (right) and Gwyneth Paltrow (Best Actress) head an impressive cast.

ANTHONY QUINN AND CHARLOTTE O'SULLIVAN

#### THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

Good (Donmar Warehouse,

London) Starring Charles Dance, CP Taylor's play (right) about accommodations with conscience is revived in a sensitive production by Michael Grandage, To 22 May

Uncle Vanya (Mercury Theatre, Colchester)

David Hunt's quietly considered and beautifully paced production of Chekhov's tragicomedy is a triumph of understated emotion. Do not miss. Ends Sat

Forbidden Broadway (Jermyn Street Theatre, London)

Deliciously spiteful and tremendously funny selection of musical theatre spoofs from Sondheim to The Lion King via Elaine Paige. To 16 May

Comedies don't come any funnier or more astringent than Ben Jonson's brilliant dissection of avaricious, over-reaching egotism. To 9 Oct

Volpone (Swan Theatre, Stratford)

devour Tina Turner for breakfast. To 9 Oct

A Midsummer Night's Dream (Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford) In Michael Boyd's beguiling staging, Josette Simon's Amazonian Titania is sex-on-very-long-legs and could

PAUL TAYLOR

#### THE FIVE BEST SHOWS

Jackson Pollock (Tate Gallery)

Big, revelatory retrospective for the wild hero of Abstract Expressionism (going on Old Master). legendary for his great drip paintings, but virtually unknown here for 40 years. To 6 Jun

Portraits by Ingres (National Gallery) Some of the smartest, most intense portraiture ever. Men as icons of power, women as exquisite milanges of

Thinking Aloud (Camden Arts Centre) Sculptor Richard Wentworth

flesh and fabric. Ends Sun

curates this curious and cheering exploration of creativity in art. design and life; an assortment of rough drafts, doodles, try-outs and models (right). To 30 May



(Dean Gallery, Edinburgh)

Photographs 1994-98: huge, high-finish, micro-detailed. digitally manipulated images of our world - stockexchange floor, cityscape, hotel fover. Vistas of more

Antony Gormley's 'Field'

(firstsite at Roman House, Colchester) One of the great hits of the decade; a sea of 40,000 pintsized clay men - obedient, expectant, menacing, and stopping in a line at your feet. To 23 May

TOM LUBBOCK

## CINEMA



WEST END

ABC PANTON STREET (0870-9020404) — Procadily Circus Elizabeth 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.10pm Festen 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.35pm Hillary and Jackie 2.25pm, 5.25pm, 8.20pm The Opposite of Sex 1.25pm, ABC PICCADILLY

(0171-437 3561) © Piccacilly Circus Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm Seul Contre Tous 1pm, 3pm, ABC SHAFTESBURY AVE

**ABC SWISS CENTRE** 

(0870-902 0403) & Leicester Square Hideous Kinky 2pm, 4400m. 6.50pm, 9pm Marius et Jeannette 2 10pm, 6.40pm No 1.30pm, 3.25pm, 5.20pm, 7.15pm, 9.10pm La Vie Revée des Anges 4 20pm, 8.50pm La Vita é Bella 1 20pm, 3.45pm 6.10pm, 8.40pm

ABC TOTTENHAM CRT RD (0870-902 0414) ◆ Tottenham Court Hoad Gods and Monsters 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.55pm, 9.25pm An idea Husband 1.45pm, 4.10pm, 6.35pm, 9.10pm Plunkett and Macleane 1.25pm, 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.35pm

BARBICAN SCREEN (0171-638 8891) & Moorgate/Barbican An Ideal Husband 615pm 840pm The Red Violin 6pm, 840pm CHELSEA CINEMA

**CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE** 

(1971-498 3323) © Clapham Common Bedrooms and Hallways 4-40pm, 9-20pm A Civil Action 1-30pm, 6-40pm Happiness 1pm, 3-50pm 6-30pm, 9-10pm An Ideal Husband 2pm 4-30pm, 7pm, 9-30pm Plunkett and Macleane 4pm, 9pm La Vita é Bella 2 10pm, 6-50pm 2.10pm, 6.50pm **CURZON MAYFAIR** 

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ODEON MEZZANINE 08705-050007) © Lecester Square

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ELEPHANT AND CASTLE CORONET (0171-703 4968) © Elephant & Castle American History X 3:20pm, 6pm, 6:25pm & Cavil Action 4pm, 6:20pm, 8:30pm The Faculation 4pm, 6:45pm Mighty Joe 3:30pm

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**GOLDERS GREEN** ABC (0181-455 1724) ← Golders Green A Civil Action 2.45pm, 5.45pm, 8 20pm

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GREENWICH CINEMA (0181-293 0101)
BR: Greenwich The Faculty 4.40pm,
9.20pm An Ideal Husband 4.25pm,
6.35pm, 8.43pm Mighty Joe 4.30pm
Plunkett and Macleane 9.30pm
Shakespeare In Love 7.05pm
La Vita e Belia 7pm

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HAMPSTEAD ABC (0870-902 0413) © Belsage Park The Red Violin 2pm, 5pm, 7.50pm Tea with Musselini 230pm, 5.20pm, 8pm La Vita è Bella 1.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.10pm

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HAYES BECK THEATRE (0181-561 8371) SR: Hayes & Harlengton Don't Go Break-ing My Heart phone for Imas Little Voice-phone for times

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THE SPACE ARTS CENTRE (0171-515 2453) DLR: Mudchuse The End of KINGSTON

ABC OPTIONS (0870-902 0409) BR: Kingston The Faculty 2.25pm, 5.55pm, 8.20pm Plunkett and Macleane 6pm Shakespeare in Love 2.25pm, 8.05pm Waking Ned 1.55pm, 4.10pm, 8.25pm, 8.40pm

Andreas Gursky

than the eye can see. To 16 May

MUSWELL HILL ODEON (08705-050007) ⊕ Highgate Elizabeth 1.20pm, 6 10pm The Facul-ty 1.35pm, 3.55pm, 8 15pm, 8 30pm An Ideal Husband 2.10pm, 4 25pm, 6.40pm, 8.55pm Plunkett and Macleane 3.50pm, 8.35pm

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ROMFORD ABC (0870-902 0419) BR. Romford The Faculty 2.30pm, 5.40pm, 3.25pm Return to Paradise 2.25pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm Walking Ned 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm

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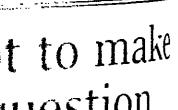
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3 SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER III 1970s squared featuring songs by the Bee Gees London Palladium Artyli Street Wt (0171-494 5020) © Obord Gre. Mon-Sat

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O THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susan Hill's chilling ghost story Fortune Pussell Street WC2 (C171-936 233900 344 4444) & Covert Garden-Holtom, Mon-Sat 8pm, [2] 3pm, [7] 4pm, 68 50-603 50, 110 mms

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LYRIC STUDIO The Tempest Hard-edged production of the late great fantasy: Tue-Sat 9pm, mats Sat 4 30pm, ends 9 May

RSIDE STUDIOS Blood Knot Albo

Habustan Story of a young Israeli who encounters an elderly Palestinian man. Mon-Thur 3pm, Sat 4, 15pm & 8 15pm, Sur

BASINGSTOKE **HAYMARKET THEATRE Shakers Re-**

BATH THEATRE ROYAL Earth and Sky Thriller about a librarian who thinks her boyfriend is a murderer, starring Sam Janus, Mon-Wed 7 30pm, Thur 8pm, En &

BRACKNELL WILDE THEATRE Dead Funny The late great British comedians provide the focus for Terry Johnson's poignant comedy Wed-Sat 8pm, ends 24 Apr 18, concs 66.

BRIGHTON THEATRE ROYAL Perfect Pitch John Codbor's adult comedy set on a caravan site. Tue-Sat 745pm, mats Thur 230pm, Sat 4pm, ends 24 Apr £7 50-£14 50 Bond Street

IPPOROME THEATRE Phantom of the Opera Trur of Andrew Lloyd Webber's it musical. Mon-Sat 7 30pm, mats Wed Sat 2 30pm, ands 22 May E/0-E30 it Augustines Parade (0117-929 9444)

MARLOWE THEATRE Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Rice and Lloyd Webber's musical Bibk: sto-

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ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE COTTESLOE: Sleep with Me Hunf Kurrish's first play for 15 years is a satur-on the sexually chantle lives of a group of

O OLIVIER: Troilus and Cressida Travor Nurn directs Shakespear's rein tention of Honter's Greek and Trojan ho-mes. In rep. coday 1 30pm & 7pm ent. Jul 24 215 mms Contesion £12-£18 Obser & Lynelton £8-£32 South Bank SE1

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[5][7] 3cm £18 50-£35 160 mms

7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm £10-532.50 1.20 mms

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE Hushabye **Mountain** Jonathan Harvey's new play with the twin setting of Heaven and Earth

She Ain't Musical parodying the films of the 1946s, starring Barry Cryet. Tue Sat 3pm, ends 16 May £12-£13, concs £8. Up-per Street. N1 (0171-226 1916) ⊕ Angel.

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AROUND THE COUNTRY

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Sat 6pm & 9pm, ends 24 Apr £9-£22.50 Sawdose (01225-448844)

KOMEDIA Jump to Cow Heaven Depiction of an East End villian on the run. 21 8 22 Apr. 6.30pm £7 50, concs £6 Gardner Street (01273-647100)

BRISTOL

THEATRE ROYAL Tons of Money Alan Ayekhourn's adaptation of the 1920s come-ch. Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thur-Sat Burn, mats Thur & Sat 2.30pm, ends 15 May 68-619 King Street (0117-987 7677) CANTERBURY

\*THE INFORMATION ON 'Candide' at the National Theatre

Cacambo and Denis Quilley as the

What They Say About It

"Caird's version is more faithful to

Voltaire's ideas and has impressive

clarity, but the plodding rhythm of his

production means that it fails to take

fire," David Benedict, Independent

"...full of good bits and bad bits."

"The star of the evening is

undoubtedly the magnificently

compelling Russell Beale...

the final number, 'Make

Our Garden Grow' is as

Robert Butler, Independent

cynical Martin

on Sunday

What is it?

Who's in it?

Yet another attempt to translate Leonard Bernstein's bold operatic score into a coherent stage version. this time for the National Theatre. with a "new" look, written and directed by John Caird, assisted by Trevor Nunn.

A fine ensemble cast with Simon

Russell Beale (right) as Voltaire and Daniel Evans. suitably vulnerable as the innocent Candide. Support comes from Alex Kelly as the sexy Cunegonde, Simon Day as Maximilian.

CARDIFF NEW THEATHE Brassed Off Heartening tale of solidarity in times of crisis within a collery hand, Tue-Sat 7-30pm and Sat 5pm end; 24 Apr. CT-C18, cortics available Park Place (01022-876889)

Beverley Klein as the

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COLCHESTER MERCURY THEATRE Uncle Vanya Chekhor's family unco-comedy. Mon-Sai 7 30pm ends 24 Apr. 16 50-215.50 Balilerne Gate (01.06-573945)

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Lindy musical play inspired by the journals.
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24 Apr. 23-212 concs available. Compton
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DRUM THEATRE, THEATRE ROYAL Candida Bernard Shaw's heroine is crught in a love triangle in Selina Cadell's production, Mon-Sat 7 45pm, mats Thur & production, Mon-part approximately Sat 2,45pm lends 3 May, phone for prices. SALISBURY

217.50. Beaumont Street (01855-798600)

HOUSE A Soldier's Song Guy Mas-terson performs his own adaptation of Ken Lukowiak's book about the horror of the Falklands conflict. Wed-Sat 7 45pm ends SOUTHAMPTON

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ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE Othello Michael Attenborough directs Hay Fearon and Zoe Wastes, Tonight 7pm, ends 7 Oct. \$5-\$39. Waterside (01788-295623)

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THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY THE ROTAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY For Mest Of R. I Have No Words Sknott Norfells Photographs from sites of 20th-cen-tury genocide. Mor-Sun 9 30am-6.30pm, ends 6 Jun 2:50 conse 5: 7.5 The Odagon Gallenes. Milsom Street (01225-462641)

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ARNOLFINI A Stranger Here Myself: Laura Ford and Jacqueline Poncelet Collaborative textile and photographic in-stallation. Mon-Sat (Com-Forn, Sun 12noon-

CAMBRIDGE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM Rec quisitions of Contemporary Ameri-can Prints Early etchings of the East Coast, lithographs, woodcuts and screen-Coast, lithographs, woodcuts and screen-prints. Ends 2 May. Rembranelt and the Passion The nu-seum's outstanding collection of prints. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 2 15pm-5pm, ends 20 Jun, free. Trumpington Street (01223-332900)

FFOTOGALLERY Common Sense: Martin Parr Installation examining con-sumerism. Tue-Sa: 10am-5.30pm, ends

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IPSWICH WOLSEY ART GALLERY The Elders: Brother Everald Brown and Stanley Greaves Work by Caribbean artists, Tue-

Park (01473-253246) BARBICAN ART GALLERY David Bai-ley - Birth of the Cool Black and white sey - Sirin of the Cool Brack-and-mile celebrity pholographs taken in the period between 1967 and 1969. Mon. Thur-Sat 10am-7-45pm. Tue 10am-5-45pm, Wed 10am-7-45pm. Sun 12noon-6-45pm, ands 27 Jun 16, cones 14, from Mon-Fri 14 at-

DESIGN MUSEUM Mini: 40 Yea em Britain 1927-1939 Includes the work of Francis Bacon, Paul Nash and Bar-bara Hepworth. Mon-Sun 11 30am-6pm, ends 18 Jul. €5 25, cones €4. Shad Thames S€1 (0171-378 6055) ◆ Tower Hill.

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great (5th-century Dutch Master, Mor Tue, Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Wed 10am 9pm, ends 4 Jul. free, Tratalgar Squan WC2 (0171-747 2885) & Channg Cross ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Kandin-sky - Watercolours and Other Works on Paper Works spanning the career of the revolutionary abstract artist. Mon-Sun 10am-Spm (Fri to 8.30pm), ends 4 Jul 15. comes 54.80, NUS 54, chid (12-18) 52.50, chid (8-11) 11.50, looking Ticketmaster 077-413 1717 + bling fee) Burlington House, Piccarilly, W1 (0171-300 8000) & Green Park

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couple. Ends 11 Jul, free Dangerous Liaisons: Rodin and Gwen John Explores the relationship between the artists, Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm. ends 11 Jul tree Millbank SW1 (0171-887 OXFORD MUSEUM OF MODERN ART Serah Morris Large scale paintings and a new partial series Erics 26 Jun overrides An-na Gaskell Photographs and film in-stallation Tue-Sun Ham-Spm, erics 27 Jun, 02.50 (fee Wed Ham-Hom), concs £150, child fee Pembroke Street (01865-722733)

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SOUTHAMPTON CITY ART GALLERY Twonty Great Dutch Paintings Including work by Hobberna, Rembrandt and Vermeer. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun tpm-4pm, ends 13 Jun.

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POOLE SEX HALL POOLE ARTS CENTRE Bournemouth Symphony Orches-tra/Lition Prokofiev's 3rd Piano Concerto with Rachmaninov's 1st Symphony. Torught 7.30pm, 26-224, Kingland Rd (01202-685222)

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STEPHEN RUSSELL The Barefool Doc-tor talks about his new book. Water-stone's Bookshop Tonight 7pm. £3. St Margaret's Street (01227-456343) LONDON

 Regents Park Road, 2022) → Camden Town. DANCE

LONDON SADLER'S WELLS AT THE PEACOCK THEATRE Hot Mouth Imaginative musical soundscape created by The Araca Group. Mon-Sai Bpm, mat Sat 3pm, ends 1 May. £7.50-£25. Portugal Street, WC2 (0171-863 B222) © Holborn. ter 5pm Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 4141)

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BILL BAILEY AT BRISTOL BIERKELLER Masterly musical comedy. Tonight 7.30pm. £10. All Saints Street (0117-926 8514) COLCHESTER

LONDON PAUL MERTON - AND THIS IS ME AT WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE Revealing autobiographical tales. Tonght 7:45pm. C12. High Street, Brentfod (0181-568 1176)

HARRY HILL AT BAC Preparation for the national tour. Tonight 8.30pm. S5. Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223) BR: Clapham Jin. SOUTHAMPTON

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HAPPY MONDAYS, SHED SEVEN Shann Ryder and Co, including Bez, get it back together for a remixed version of the classic Madchester experience. Hereford Leisure Centre Tonight 8pm. £18.50. Holmer Road (01432-278178) **IPSWICH**

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NORWICH ULTRASOUMD Andrew Woods' ambilious prog-pop project. The Waterfront Tonight 8.30pm. £6. King Street (01603-632717)

quartet. Royal Centre Tonight 8pm, phone for prices. Theatre Square (0115-989 5555) OXFORD

OCEAN COLOUR SCENE The big-sell-ing Brummie Britpoppers. Afan Lido Tonight 8pm, phone for prices. Princess Margaret Way (01639-884141) SOUTHAMPTON SMOKEY WILSON The revered Mississippi bluesman. The Brook Tonight 8pm. £6. Portswood Road (01703-555366)

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA BB KING The blues supremo visits Europe to promote a new Definitive Great-est Hits album. Cliffs Pavilion Tonight 7.30pm, phone for prices. Station Road (01702-351135)

BALL LE SAGE, NEIL ANGILLEY Main-stream and Latin piano trios. 606 Ctub Tonight 9.30pm & 12mldnight. ES. Lots Road, SW10 (0171-352 5953) & Pulham Roadins. LOZ SPEYER/DAVE BLACKMORE/

MARTIN HAYES AND DENNES CAHILL Celebrated Irisk folk twosome. Stamford Arts Centre Toright 8pm £7, concs £5. St Marys Street (01780-763203) THORNBURY THE ALBION BAND Ashley Hutchings

MADDY PRIOR AND FRENDS The crystal-voiced former Steeleye Span singer and muscian pals. Trinity Arts Centre Knight 7.45pm, phone for prices. Church Road (01892-544699)

. plenty of Voltaire's sardonic comedy and dry, wry outrage," Benedict Nightingale, Times

Where You Can See It Candide is at the Olivier, Royal National Theatre, London SE1. For ticket bookings and enquiries call 0171-452 3000.



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THE WHARF Michael Dussek Plano
recital of Chopin and Schubert, Tonight 8pm.
£8, concs £7 Canal Road (01822-611165)

THE BRIDEWELL: BRIDEWELL THE ATRE COMPANY The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Mat Michael Nyman's cult open staged with Stoppard's After Magritte. Toright 7:30pm, ends 22 May. 5:0-5:15 Bride Lane, Rest Street, ECA 071, 1935 33551 BRIGE Starkthises. (0171-936 3456) BR/O Blackfriers.

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CLUB AT FRED'S BAR CAFE Hattie
Hayridge and Drew Barr, with MC Kevin
McCarthy, Tonight 8pm. £10. East HBI
(01245-381300)

SWANGLEURS AT JONGLEURS SOUTHAMPTON With Terry Alderton, Keith Fields, Marcus Brigstocke and com-Strue Ravlings, Torught 7pm, £5. High Street (0845-6081818)

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BRIGHTON FUZZ TOWNSHIEND, COOLER Sample-driven good-time funk from the Bentley Rhythm Ace drummer and band. Pressure Point Tonight 8pm. £4. Richmond Place (01273-702333)

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ANOTHER LEVEL The super-slick soul swingbest quartet. The Regent Tonight 7pm. £12.50, St Helens Street (01473-281480) LONDON HORSE - OUR LIPS SHOULDN'T TOUCH Emotive performance of gay an-thems. Drill Hall Arts Centre. Toright 7.30pm, £10-£12, concs £7. Cheries Street

perimental rock from Kreidler and Karamasov. The Garage Tonight Spm. £6 Highbury Corner. N5 (0171-607 1818) BR/& Highbury & Islington.

NOTTINGHAM ALL SAINTS Sultry R&B from the sassa

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FOUR STEPS TO HEAVEN Musical trib-tale to Buddy Holly, Eddie Cochran, Roy Or-bison and Elvis Prusley Grand Theatre Fonght 7.30pm. £7-£19.50. Singleton Street (01792-475715)

JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

NATIONAL YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA The collegiate youth big hand. Ronnie Scott's Tonight 9pm & 11.30pm. £15. Fish St. W1 (0171-439 0747) & Leicester Sq.

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Contemporary quartet. Benny's Bar Tonight 3.30pm, £4. Lemster Terrace, W2 (0181-463 0490) ⊕ Bayswater.

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12.00 Therago Musant Hero Turtles (17834599)
12.30 Ultimate Professional Wrestling (5726082)
10.0 Acapulco HEAT (572537) 2.00 The Entremists (666841). 2.30 The Fall Guy (1451860) 4.00 Acapulco HEAT (1470995). 5.00 The Extremists (6680421). 5.30 Ultimate Professional Wrestling (508421). 6.30 The Fall Guy (5701773). 7.00 Acapulco HEAT (857063). 8.00 Martial Law (851671). 9.00 Cops (1476179). 9.30 The Late Lounge (5713518). 10.00 Extreme Championship Wrestling (7835228). 10.30 Erotic Confessions (7844976). 11.00 Films: Beneath the Valley of the Ultra Vicens (1579). (9637063). 1.00 Erotic Cordessions (343199). 1.30 The Late Lounge (951077). 2.00 Martial Law (235446). 3.00 Films: The Howling (1860). (6352291). 5.00 Extreme Championship Wrestling (8850280). 5.30-6.0 Cops (7237396). CARLTON CINEMA DIGITAL ONLY BRAVO DIGITAL

Wresting (6850280, 5.30-6.0 Cops (7237396).

CARLTON CINEMA DIGITAL ONLY
7.00 Sudden Fear (1952) (8711131), 9.00
Evergreen (1935) (9913792), 11.00 Machess of the Heart (1949) (8805112), 10.00 Flame of the Barbary Coast (1945) (8924888), 3.00 Smash-up, the Story of a Woman (1947) (4537773), 5.00
The Weater Sex (1948) (2082711), 7.00 Each Dawn I Die (1939) (8735711), 9.00 Physical Evidence (1989) (8735213), 11.00 House of Whipcord (1974) (4535044), 1.00 Physical Evidence (1989) (827395), 3.00 House of Whipcord (1974) (1977006), 5.00 - 7.00
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CARLTON KIDS DIGITAL ONLY 6.00 Up for it (5091537). 9.00 Trny Time (9632063). 3.00 The Max (1271976). 5.00 Raw TV (54601(2), 7.00 Close **CARLTON SELECT**

CARLTON SELECT
5.00 What's Cooking? (670273'5) 5.30
Gridiock (24580957). 6.00 Animal SCS (24570570). 6.30 Our House (2469450) 7.00
Boon (63020228). 8.00 Blues and Twos (67023599). 8.30 Superchets (67035334). 9.00
Soldier, Sobiler (63009102). 10.00 Pe in the Sky (63028599). 11.00 His Street Blues (46899044).
12.00 Tales of the Unexpected (4889974).
12.30 Gridiock (29685396). 1.00 Close.

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BBC1 N IRELAND

As BBC1 LONDON & SE except: 6.30 Newsine 6.30 (604). 11.00 Film 99 with Jonathan Ross (882599). 11.05 Heart O'Down Pice Band Championships (14478). 11.40 Film: 99 with Jonathan Ross (41358). 12.10 Film: To Protect and Serve (1168754). 1.35 Jons BBC News 24 (16866300)

BBC1 SCOTLAND As BBC1 LONDON & SE except: 12.00 Just a Minute (31605), 12.30 Dolaman (78159112), 12.45 Nodardh (76660519), 6.00 News (792). 6.30 Reporting Scotland; Weather (604). 9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (2150). 9.30 Perry, Bettoria Broadcast by the Scottish National Party (237957). 10.30 Film 99 with Jonathan Ross: Jonathan Ross reviews the new films, including Message in A Bottle starring Kevin Costner. And Jonathan chats to starring Kevin Costner. And Jonathan chats to John Barry.] composer of James Bond themes

143022711) 9.30 Johnny Bravo (76300228) 10.00 The Powerpuff Girls (51489334) 10.30 Denter's Laboratory (51478082) 11.00 Clow and Checken (4300228) 11.30 I Am Weased (8752599) 12.00 Scooty Doo (4873984) 12.30 Top Cat (29842006) 1.00 The Real Adventures of Johny Ouest (56030087) 1.30 Swat Kats (90052261) 2.00 The Triangs (2996716) 2.30 Omer and the Starchald (2992851) 3.00 Binky 89 (5604351) 3.30 The Frusture (2993853) 4.00 Triangs (29930396) 4.30 Tabaluga (56044280) 5.00 Omer and the Starchald (0231648) 5.30 Frusture (49730613) CHALLENGE TV DIGITAL

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CHALLENGE TV DIGITAL

DIGITAL ONLY FROM 6.00AM - 5.00KM

7.00 The New Mr and Mrs Show (76983), 7.30 Lucky Ladders (87570), 8.00 Tinval Pursut (8737), 8.00 Tinval Pursut (8737), 8.30 The 56400 Question (8058), 9.00 Fitneen to One (64570), 9.30 Blockbusters (2002), 10.00 Who's Sorry Now? (6035), 10.30 Say the Word (93082), 11.00 Give to a Clue (79841), 11.30 Spit Second (70570), 72.00 Fitneen to One (84334), 12.30 Family Fortunes (93570), 1.00 Catchphrase (53614), 1.30 Say the Word (2084), 2.00 Timal Pursur (2985), 2.30 Candid Camera (5957), 3.00 Give (642), 4.00 Smpby Irresistible (8637), 4.30 Shids (8421), 5.00 The Games Room (8905537), 5.15 Strike it Lucky (22937), 5.45 The Games Room (562599), 6.00 Family Fortunes (6686), 6.30 The Games Room (597847), 7.15 The Games Room (597897), 7.25 Whittle (610696), 7.55 The Crystal Maze (89350), 8.00 The Games Room (820421), 9.35 The Krypton Factor (352792), 8.45 The Games Room (955841), 80.00 Candid Camera (85063), 7.00 Colebbity 7 W Bioopers (64895), 11.20 Don't Feed the Gondolas (843805), 12.00 Close. DISCOVERY

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DIGITAL ONLY FROM 800AM - 400PM
8.00 Rev Hunt's Fering Adventures (7837686)
8.30 The Elegant Solution (7836957) 9.00
Frepower 2000 (7252605) 10.00 First Flights
(5291889). 10.30 History's Turning Ponils
(7849421) 11.00 Solar Empire (3834995) 12.00
Bush Tucker Man (7830773) 12.30 The Fronlike
(5708229) 1.00 Arman X (383771) 1.30 The
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(#1082). **11.00** Cross Examination (134334). **11.50** Film: To Protect and Serve (600537). **1.20** Joins BBC News 24 (72300280).

BBC1 WALES As BBC1 LONDON & SE except: 6.30 Wates Today (604) 9.00 News; Regonal News Weather (2150) 9.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Natural Law Party of Wales (237957)

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As Cartton except: 10.30 This Morning
(49831315). 12.15 Anglia News and Weather
(7894599). 12.55 Shortland Street (1577131).
1.30 Lie Detector (16984957). 1.55 The Jerry
Springer Show (6842315). 5.30 Whypenade
(247). 6.00 Anglia News (660). 11.20 Anglia
News and Weather (804711). 4.05 The Making
of What Dreams May Come: A fook at the
making of What Dreams May Come', the latest
film starring Robin Williams and Cuba Gooding

PICK OF THE DAY

Christopher Lambert (right), to belm The Fifth Element. once the hippest of Euro-actors? In Subway (8pm FilmFour), a fascinated film-makers. The idea chic contribution to "Run for of man being undone by an Your Life", FilmFour's season over-reliance on technology has of movies about fugitives, he proved enduringly intriguing. plays a charismatic criminal who The National Geographic entices a corrupt businessman's Channel presents a double-bill wife (Isabelle Adjani) into the of documentaries about the strange universe of the tunnels subject tonight. The Titanic comprising the Paris Metro. (9pm) is followed by Treasures

underworld of social outcasts.

WHATEVER HAPPENED to Director Luc Besson went on The Titanic has always

There they blend into a bizarre of the Titanic (10pm).

JAMES RAMPTON

The Animal Shelf (2608228) 12.45 Pocket Dragon Adventures (260792) 12.30 Bear in the Big Blue House (7255286) 12.55 The Toothbrush Family (4473792) 1.00 Bite Saze (3145334) 1.15 Rose and Jim (31440889) 1.30 The Big Garage (62056347) 1.45 PB and Joby Offer (82044402) 2.00 The New Adventures of Winne the Pooth (9421) 2.30 Classic Pack (4228) 4.00 The Little Mermad (5228) 3.30 Ari Attack (4228) 4.00 101 Dalmotans (6063) 4.30 Heroules - the Series (2247) 5.00 Recess (6952063) 5.15 Pepper Ann (9637315) 8.30 Smart Guy (3599) 6.00 Teen Angel (3102) 8.30 Smart Guy (3599) 6.00 Teen Angel (3102) 8.30 Smart Guy (3599) 6.00 Teen Angel (3102) 8.30 Heroules - the Series (2247) 8.30 Honey. 1 Shrinik the Krist (449421) 9.15 Dinosaurs (605666) 10.00 Home Improvement (29889) 10.30 The Wonder Years (98537) 11.00 Touched by an Angel (952792) 11.50 Classic Tours (499063) 12.00 Close (19570) 12.00 Films ATP Tour (7656044) 4.00 Footbal (3082) 8.00 Start Your Engines (19570) 12.00 Forth Whole Drive (93259) 12.30 Close Film MOUR. Start Your Engines (19570) 12.00 Four Whole Drive (93259) 12.30 Close Film MOUR. Start Your Engines (19570) 12.00 Four Whole Drive (93259) 12.30 Close Film MOUR. Start Your Engines (19570) 12.00 Four Whole Drive (93259) 12.30 Close Film MOUR. Start Your Engines (19570) 12.00 Four Whole Drive (93259) 12.30 Close Film MOUR. Start Your Engines (19570) 12.00 Four Whole Drive (93259) 12.30 Close Film MOUR. Start Your Engines (19570) 12.00 Four Whole Drive (93259) 12.30 Close Film MOUR. Start Your Engines (19570) 12.00 Four Whole Drive (93259) 12.30 Close Film MOUR. Start Your Engines (19570) 12.00 Four Whole Drive (93259) 12.30 Close 12.30 Four Whole Drive (93259) 12.30 Close 1

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The Hull to Hornsea (5998976) 8.00 Subway
(1985) (33452131) See Pick of the Day 9.45
Rooftop (2650044) 10.00 Pusher (1996)
(70190-41) 11.55 The Quick and the Deed
(1995) (5314841) 11.45 Rabid (1977) (4559754)
3.20 A Private Function (1985) (2954349)
4.50 - 6.00 Monster from Green Hell (1958)
(2206803)

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FOX KIDS NETWORK
6.00 Adventures of Dodo (68330247) 6.05
Power Rangers Turbo (2413228) 6.55
Spiderman (53139599) 7.20 Oggy and the
Cockroaches (1280082) 7.30 Denns and
Gnasher (9007773) 8.00 Hero Turtles: The
Next Mulation (9378808) 8.25 The Incredible
Hulk (1309773) 8.50 Iron Man (5989624) 9.15
Farmastic Four (8993044) 9.40 X-Men
(6479599) 10.05 Casper (4762808) 10.30
Oggy and the Cockroaches (9502471) 10.55
Eek'stravaganza (34207131) 11.05 Bobby's
World (16814971) 11.30 Life with Loue
(52612402) 11.55 Home to Rent (52631537)
12.20 Secret Fies of the Soy Dogs (24790247)
12.30 Donkey Kong Country (5295808) 1.00
Mowdpl: The New Adventures of the Jungle
Book (32938053) 1.25 Ace Ventura (32970944)
1.55 Incredible Hulk (65425150) 2.20 Iron Man
(62950841) 2.45 Fantastic Four (1271247) 2.10
X-Men (6783131) 3.30 Fox Kidz Xpress
(4985565) 3.35 Spiderman (5836841) 4.00
Goosebumps (7471121 4.25 Hero Turtles The
Next Mutation (9844605) 4.50 Casper
(5827082) 5.00 Denns and Gnasher (5205044)
5.30 Ace Ventura (5623711) 6.00 Donkey
Kong Country (5220624) 6.30 Eek'stravaganza
(5857082) 6.55 Coggy and the Cockroaches
(8383686) 7.00 Close.
GRANADA PLUS FOX KIDS NETWORK

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6.00 Cant Cook, Won't Cook (7207315) 6.30
Animal Rescue (190131) 7.00 Professor Bubble (355375) 7.30 Polks Dot Shorts (49795)77
7.40 Johnson and Friends (1555228) 7.50
Babalook, (4979737) 7.55 Practical Parenting (4877044) 8.00 Barriey and Friends (488721) 8.25 My Doc (8977570) 8.30 Tiny and Crew (8997063) 8.50 Practical Parenting (829360) 9.00 Special Babes (309711) 9.30 Home and Away (2579995) 10.00 The Jerry Springer Show (2179995) 10.50 Maury Pouch (7912686) 11.40 Brookside (7126782) 12.10 Prough the Keyhole (36432150) 12.40 Prescue 911 (1043228) 1.10 Beyond Belief Fact or Fiction (88145889) 1.40 Maury Pouch (370608) 2.30 Special Babes (1986377) 3.00 Living Room (483579) 3.50 Michael Cole (545321) 4.40 Home and Away (56827624) 5.10 Through the Keyhole (5063308) 5.40 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (921686) 6.15 The Jerry Springer Show (570006) 7.05 Rescue 911 (9040709) 7.35 Animal Rescue (613624) 8.00 Entertainment Now! 5435978, 830 The Jerry Springer Show (19040709) 7.35 Animal Rescue (613624) 8.00 Entertainment Now! 5435978, 830 The Jerry Springer Show (19040709) Desire (1991) (2007024) 11.00-12.00 Sex Files (3539570) MTV

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6.00 Extreme Gnostbusters (36608), 6.30
Bruno the Kid (17624), 7.00 Cardog (46624)
7.30 Rugrats (25131), 8.00 Hey Arnold (47689), 8.30 Doug (38860), 9.00 Châtrens BBC on Nickelodeon including Telerubbes (12226), 10.00 Wimbe's House (66696), 10.30
Paga Beaver (59624), 11.00 The Magic School Bus (60179), 11.30 PB Bear/Budge The Little Helicopter/Anmal Antics/Family Mess (61808), 12.00 Rugrats (4076), 12.30 Blues Clees (68860), 1.00 Baranas in Pyjamas (45995), 1.30 Frankin (67731), 2.00 Padomgion Bear/Lutze's Library/Portland Bill/Mr Mentivor the Engine (3605), 2.30 Children's BBC on Nickelodeon (2112), 3.30 C of Alex Mack (5518).

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL

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7.00 Clueless (7-21), 7.30 Caroline in the City (4-402), 8.00 Mad about You (38-41), 8.30 Spin City (2976), 8.00 Drop the Dead Donkey (-0375), 9.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (89664), 10.00 Frasier (+1605), 10.30 Cheers (50353), 10.00 Senfleti (45960), 11.30 Late Night with David Letterman (17995), 12.30 Spin City (49464), 1.00 Its Carry Shandings Show (29822), 1.30 Nurses (50613), 2.00 Amost Perfect (56971), 2.30 Tosland Fibs (48006), 3.00 Mich and Mindy (6358), 3.30 Abbot & Costello (39358), 4.00 Close.

SKY BOX OFFICE 1
12.00 Deconstructing Harry (1997) (43:5936)
2.00 Deconstructing Harry (1997) (697:377).
4.0 6.0 Deconstructing Harry (1997) (646:377).

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SKY BOX OFFICE 2
8.00 Midrught in the Garden of Good and Evil (1997) (5991569) 11.00 Close() 6.00 Midrught in the Garden of Good and Evil (1997) (3-97995).
9.00 Midrught in the Garden of Good and Evil (1997) (6701792), 12.00 Close. SKY BOX OFFICE 3

SKY CINEMA \$\text{A.00}\$ The Hanging Tree (1959) (7094605), 6.00
Tarzan and the Slave Girl (1950) (4607008), 8.00
The Balad of Cable Hogus (1970) (9657501),
10.00 Madigan (1968) (7315268), 11.45 The Thef
Who Came to Dirmer (1973) (7375353), 1.30 The
Dark Past (1948) (188962359), 2.50 The Devil and Mass Jones (1941) (2836209) 4.25 IT Be Seeing SKY ONE

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7.00 Count Ducluda (99792) 7.30 Godzils (85599) 8.00 Polemnon (70558) 8.30
Riphiael (96266) 10.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (96781) 11.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (96781) 11.00 Gathy (94347) 12.00
Jemy Jones (10624) 1.00 May about You (98063) 1.30 Jeopardy (90860) 2.00 Sally Wintrey Show (96781) 11.00 Jeopardy (90860) 2.00 Sally Wintrey (90863) 1.30 Jeopardy (90860) 2.00 Sally Missic (290860) 5.00 Nobody Does it Better: the Music of James Bond (2550) 6.00 Jeops Space Nine (850) 6.00 American Dumbest Crimenis (4044) 8.30 Friends (8624) 2.00 The Sampsons (478) 7.30 The Samps

Star freit: Deep Space Nine (1753); 1230 Law and Order (S8342); 1.30 Long Play (4332445).

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00 Sky Sports Centre (705885); 7.35 World Wresting Federation Live Wire (603063); 8.15 You're on Sky Sports (7678773); 9.00 Racing News (22270); 9.30 Aerobics - Oz Style (66402); 10.00 Inside Scottish Football (23773); 11.00 Rigby League Academy (435371; 12.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (423341; 12.30 Footbal Lacque Review (39088); 2.00 Asian Golf Show (16173); 3.00 Inside Scottish Football (57082); 4.00 Watersports World (53889); 5.00 World Wresting Federation Shot Gun Challenge (6750); 4.00 Watersports World (53889); 5.00 World Wresting Federation Shot Gun Challenge (6750); 6.00 Sky Sports (690229; 1.00 Pool (71773); 8.00 Ringside (65745); 9.30 European Tour Golf Magazine (80082); 10.00 Sky Sports (690229; 1.00 Pool (24402); 12.00 Sky Sports Centre (4933445); 12.15 You're on Sky Sports Centre (493345); 12.15 You're on Sky Sports Centre (493045); 12.15 You're on Sky

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7.00 Aerobres - Oz Style (40229m) 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (448542n) 7.45 Racing News (199063) 8.15 Fastrax (9236044) 8.45 Sky Sports Centre (9887179) 9.00 Fish TV The Ultimate Fishing Show (6799832) 9.30 Fish TV Fishing Tales (9033976) 10.00 Voleybal Mens National Volleybal Cup Final (903112) 12.00 Golf Extra (3991537) 2.00 X-Zone (5665686) 2.30 International Cricket West Indies vs Australia (7897495) 6.00 X-Zone (392150) 6.30 International Cricket West Indies vs Australia (26988-1) 10.30 Motor Sport (799155) 11.00 Golf Extra (7930006) 1.00 Watersports World (6768532) 2.00 X-Zone (4813261) 2.30 Pool (2577005) 3.30-3.45 Sports Centre (2441919) SKY SPORTS 3

(2577006) 3.30-3.45 Sports Centre (2441919).

SKY SPORTS 3
12.00 World Wresting Federation Shot Gun Challenge (76901957). 1.00 Fish TV The Ultimate Fishing Show (46807063). 1.30 Fish TV Fishing Itales (76914421). 2.00 Tales from the Premership Made in Sheffield (5702131). 2.30 Superbouts (54680624). 3.30 Volleyball Men's National Volleyball Cup Final (29497773). 5.30 Motor Racing (24608263). 6.30 Golf European Tour Weekly (24608268). 6.30 Golf Extra (53486353). 8.30 Rugby Leagus World (15023315). 10.00 FA Cup Classics (4886150). 11.30 Close.

Ready or Not (6685976) 3.30 Cny Guys (509150; 4.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (1999957) 4.30 Werd Science (1984841) 5.00 In the House (8680421) 5.30 Saved by the Bel - the New Class (1998-21) 6.00 Saved by the Bel - the New Class (1998-21) 6.00 Saved by the Bel - the New Class (1998-21) 5.00 USA High (6677957) 7.30 Hang Time (1985-70) 8.00 Tempesti (674773) 8.50 On the Make (8820421) 9.00 City Guys (1476176) 9.30 Saved by the Belf - the New Class (5743516) 10.00 Hollyoaks (7835228) 10.30 USA High (7844976) 11.00 Hang Time (1471624) 11.30 Echo Port (5284599) 12.00 Close() UK ARENA

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Z.00 Crossnoads (3808570), 7.30 Neighbours (7258570), 7.55 EastEnders (8264082), 8.30 The Bill (783875), 9.00 The Bill (7838795), 9.30 The Bill (7838795), 9.30 The House of Elott (544402), 10.30 Rhoda (7858797), 11.00 Dallas (8990334), 11.55 Neighbours (48564268), 12.25 EastEnders (939421), 1.00 Bugs (5796841), 2.00 Dallas (932402), 2.55 The Bill (9365222), 3.25 The Bill (2070808), 3.55 EastEnders (5151204), 4.30 Rhoda (1599773), 5.50 Dangerfield (6574860), 6.00 Dynasty (5716505), 7.00 The Cornedy Alternative: Last of the Summer Wine (7342686), 8.20 The Cornedy Alternative: Last of the Summer Wine (7342686), 8.20 The Cornedy Alternative: Dad's Army (8359518), 9.00 Men Behaving Badly (5077589), 10.20 Harnish Maccheth (80061624), 11.25 The Bill (8203711), 11.25 The Bill (8203711), 11.25 The Bill (8203711), 11.25 The Bill (8203711), 12.25 Between the Lines (352799), 1.20 Dad's Army (75705464), 2.25 Some Mothers Dower Em (1677735), 3.00 - 7.00 Shopping with Screenshop (3691218).

UK HORIZONS
7.00 Now Ger Out of That (8737779; 7.30 The
Great Egg Race (8716680; 8.00 The Living Isles
(2079083) 8.30 The Vanessa Show (197995).
9.30 Esther (8553957) 10.00 Armad Hospital
(9918247) 10.30 Lon Country (2058570), 11.00
Mad about the Boy (8725334), 12.00 Night
Terrors (2072750), 12.30 The Kon-Tiki Man
(8657773), 1.00 The Myth of the Spanish
Inquisition (855228), 2.00 Childrens Hospital
Special Edition (991976), 1.00 (99 Lriesavers
(960650), 3.30 Esther (994912), 4.00 The
Vanessa Show (8222082), 5.00 Animal Hospital
(1051095), 5.30 Lon Country (997171), 8.00
1914-19 (8565792), 7.00 Supernatural Science
(875363), 8.00 Prantias (4735709), 8.30 Vets in
Practice (8565006), 9.00 HMS Britism (65537),
10.00 Airport (2080179), 10.30 Lakesiders
(2065509), 1100 Top Gear GTI (8713599), 12.00
Commonwis World Pius (4761822), 1.00 Close ().
UK STYLE **UK HORIZONS**

UK STYLE
7.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (6739537). 7.30 Style
Challenge (671804-9). 8.00 The DIY Show
(2071421). 8.30 Style Street (2070792) 9.00 The
Leisure Hour (177226). 10.00 Travel Xpress
(9910605). 10.30 Travel Show Guides (2067228)

WESTCOUNTRY
As Cartten except: 10.30 This Morning
[4931315]. 12.15 Westcountry News (7884595).
12.27 Illumnations (9020247). 12.55
Westcountry Lunchtme Live [2493044]. 5.30
Med about Shopping [247]. 6.00 Westcountry
Live (860). 11.20 Westcountry News (804771).
4.05 The Melking of What Dreams May Come
(68798209). 4.35 ITV Nightscreen (42039716).
5.00 Coronation Street (7773)

YORKSHIRE As Cariton except: 10.30 This Morning (49931315) 12.55 Lie Detactor (2493044) 230 Emmerdale (89630131) 5.30 Tonight (278537) 5.55 Calendar (804711) 4.45 Jobfinder (8022342).

North East Tonight (76247). 11.20 North East News and Weather (804711).

S4C
As Channel 4 except: 12.00 Home
Improvement (83108773), 12.30 Sesame Street
(93093841), 1.00 Planed Plant (59637570), 4.30
Ricki Lake (89035315), 5.00 Planed Plant
(1417229), 5.30 Countdown (90059895), 6.00
Party Election Broadcast by the Natural Law
Party of Weles (70878599), 6.05 Newyddion
(70860570), 6.30 Heno (8938-4860), 7.00 Pobol y
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Newyddion (31990711), 8.05 Flemmo (84353256),
8.35 Hawlio (82562131), 9.05 E R (84647803),
10.00 Brookside (582880), 30.35 Eurotrash
(8186063), 11.05 Spin Criy (8541266), 11.35
The 11 O'Clock Show (67001995), 12.05 Paul
Zenon Turning Tricks (84706848), 1.05 Exposed

RADIO

As Cariton except: 10.30 This Morning Texas play live Plus Rosemary Conley with

Junior (68798209) 4.35 ITV Nightscreen (420397)61, 5.00 Coronation Street (7174)

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HTV WALES

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV WEST

(804711) 4,05 The Making of What Dreams May Come (68796209) 4,35 (TV Mightscreen #20397161 5,00 Coronation Street (71174)

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RADIO 1 (976-99.8MHz FM)

6.30 Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo. 12.00 Jo Whiley. 3.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 News-beat. 6.00 Dave Pearce. 8.00 Stave Lamacq - the Evening Session. 10.00 Movie Update with Mark Kermode. 10.10 John Peel. 12.00 Giles Peterson. 2.00 Cilve Warren. 4.00 - 6.30 Scott Mils.

(88-902MHz FM) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to

Wogan, 9.30 Ken Bruce, 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 Johnnie Walker. 7.00 Nick Berractough. 8.00 Mike Harding. 9.00 Giants of Sout. 10.00 Tom Paxton - Still Ramblin'. 10.30 Lynn Parsons. 12.00 Katrina Leskanich, 3.00 . 4.00 Alex Lester. RADIO 3

(902-924MHz FM) 9.00 Mesterworks 10.30 Artist of the Week. 12.00 Composer of the Week: Stanford. 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. John Lili (plano). Beethoven: Plano Sonata in D, Op 10 No 3. Prokofiev: Plano Sonata 2.00 The BBC Orchestras.

4.00 Choral Evensong.

7.30 Performance on 3. Live from the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, the Royal Liverpool Phiharmonics concert celebrating the sixtieth birthday of John McCabe, the distinguished Liverpool-born composer and planist, introduced by Piers Burton-Page. Judith Howarth (soprano), Royal Liverpool Philharmonic/Adrian Leaper, Brahms: Variations on a Theme of Haydn, McCabe; Not-

turni ed alba. 8.15 John McCaba, Piers Burton-Page talks to John McCabe about his life and work. The second secon 8.35 - 8.36 Concert, part 2. Ravel: Sheherazade. McCabe: Concerto for orchestra. 9.35 Postscript. Nicholas Ward Jackson explores the contemporary art world. Tonight, he joins Jane and Louise Wilson as they prepare for the shoot of their new film at the decommissioned Greenham Common air force base. As they rummage through hangers and bunkers, the Wilsons discuss their fascination with the Cold War and talk about the experience of filming

Stari City in Berlin. (R)

10.00 The Plano. Weekly series in which Piers Lane investigates the world of the pi-ano past and present. The Diggy-Diggy-Dee School. A look at a hundred years of playing the plano French style. With pieces by Poulenc, Faure, Debussy, Chopin, Schumann, Schubert, Rameau, Ravel and Rach-

11.00 Night Waves. Some think him pointtessity obscure, others acclaim him as a lit-erary genius. As the long-awaited publication of J H Prynne's 'Collected Po-ems' makes his work of extraordinary ambition and complexity widely available for the first time in three decades, Patrick Wright explores the work and reclusive reputa of the man some consider to be Britain's most important poet. Plus first-night news from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford and the opening of Michael Attenborough's new production of 'Othello', the first to play there for more than ten years.

12.00 - 6.00 Through the Night. RADIO 4 (924-946MHz FM) 6.00 Today. 9.00 NEWS; Midweek. 9,45 Serial: Thoughts of an Idle Fellow. 10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour. 11.00 NEWS; Inside Track. (R) 41.30 Bristow, See Pick of the Day. 12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. 100 The World at One. 1.30 Points of Law. 2.00 NEWS; The Archers. 2.15 Atternoon Play: John Dodd Gets Taken for a Ride. (R) 3.00 NEWS; Gardener's Question Time.

3.30 A Week at the Pitt Rivers. 3.45 This Sceptred Isle. (R) 4.00 NEWS; Thinking Allowed. 5.00 PM 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 King Street Junior. (R) 7.00 NEWS; The Archers. 7:15 Front Row. John Wilson sees the world premiere of the new Royal Shakespeare Company production of Ted Hughests award-winning Tales of Ovid. 7.45 Diary of a Provincial Lady. By E M Delafield, dramatised by Jane Rogers. The everyday 1930s journal of how to manage a household. With Imelda Staumton and Richard Hope. Director Clive Brill (13/15).

PICK OF THE DAY

MICHAEL WILLIAMS (right) stars as

the original loveable loser in Frank Dickens's radio adaptation of his long-running cartoon strip. Bristow (11.30am R4). Keeping this stickler for bureaucracy company are Rodney Bewes and Dora Bryan. By way of contrast, Professor

Anthony Giddens talks about the collapse of tradition in the Western World, as part of the 1999 Reith Lectures (8pm R4). DOMINIC CAVENDISH



lectures about aspects of globalisation given by Anthony Giddens, director of the LSE 3: 'Tradition'. Globelly, tradition and custom are in retreat. What are the conse quences of this and the rise of fundamentalism? This third lecture comes from the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in Delhi and is followed by questions from an invited audience. Mark Tully is in the chair. (198kHz J 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service 12.00

See Pick of the Day.

9.00 NEWS: Altered States. Three programmes in which Vivienne Parry investigates the mystery of the human mind and looks at what goes on in our brain when we are in an altered state of consciousness. 1 The Astonishing Art'. Hypnosis has cured phobias and illnesses, but how does it work? Neuroscientists, doctors, and hypnotist Paul McKenna explain. (R) 9.30 Midweek Libby Purves and guests engage in lively conversation. 10.00 The World Tonight, With Robin

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Service of Clouds. By Susan Hill, read in ten parts by Joanna David (3/10). 11.00 NEWS; Old Harry's Game. Andy Hamilton's award-winning six-part comedy series set in hell 5: 'The Beautiful Game'. Setan decides to hold a major football tournament - the Underworld Cup, With James Grout and Jimmy Mulville 11.30 Im Glad You Asked Me That.

12.00 News. 8.00 NEWS; The 1999 Reith Lectures. Five 12.30 The Late Book. Biggest Elvis. (R)



12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 • 6.00 Farming Today RADIO 4 LW

12.04 News, Shipping, 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping, 11.30 - 12.00 Today in Parliament. RADIO 5 LIVE (693, 909kHz MW.) 6.00 Break fast. 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ian Payne.

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7.00 News Extra 7.30 John inverdales Football Night, Commentary and news from all the night's top action, including the second leg of Manchester United's Champions League semifinal with Juventus, in Turin, Premiership filtures include Liverpool v Leicester and Shelfield Wednesday v Newcastle United.

Plus the National Lottery Draw 10 00 Littleroho, Have Manchester United made it to Alex Fergusons promised land. or have Zinedine Zidane and the men of Turin slopped them in their tracks? Comment on Manchester United's second-leg match and the rest of toniohts European

and domestic soccer action by calling Richard Littlejohn on 0500 909693. 11.00 Late Night Live. 1.00 Up All Night. 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports CLASSIC FM

(1000-1019MHz FM)

6.00 Nick Bailey, 8.00 Henry Kelly, 12.00 Requests, 2.00 Concerto, 3.00 Jamie Crick, 6.30 Newsnight, 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven, 9.00 Concert, Clarke: Trumpet Tune, Jean-Patrice Brosse (organ). Boccherin: Cello Concerto No 4 in C. Anner Bylsma, Concerto Amsterdam/Jaap Schroder, Beethoven: Fantasia in C minor. Emanuel A. (piano), New York Choral Artists, New York PO/Zubin Mehta, Mozant Clannet Concerto in A, K622, Karl-Heinz Steffens, Bavanan RSO/Colin Davis. Smetana Vilava (Ma vlast), Bamberg SO: Joseph Keilberth, Allechi, Miserere Chair of King's College, Cambridge /Stephen Cleobury 1L00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

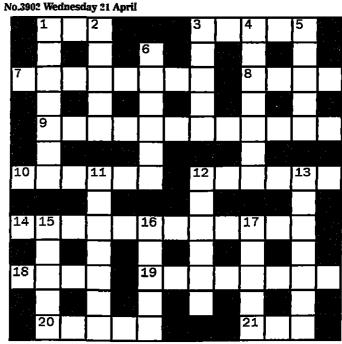
VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260), Hz MW 105.8MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Mark Forrest. 1.00 Nick Abbot 4.00 Harriet Scott. 6.45 London Calling with Harriet Scott/AM Pete and Geoff, 7.30 Pete and Geoff, 10.00 Gary Davies. 1.00 - 6.30 Richard Allen. WORLD SERVICE RADIO (198kHz LW)

1.00 The World Today. 1.30 One Planet. 1.55 My Century. 2.00 The World Today. 2.30 Mendian (Live). 3.00 The World Today 3.30 Business Report. 3.45 Insight. 4.00 World Today. 4.20 Sports Roundup. 4.30 - 7.00 The World Today (430-700). TALK RADIO

6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David Banks & Nick Ferrari 9.00 Scott Chisholm. 12.00 Let's Talk Pets. 1.00 Anna Raeburn - Live and Direct. 4.00 The SportZone. 8.00 The Big Issues with Simon Heffer. 10.00 James Whale 12.00 - 6.00 lan Colins.



CONCISE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

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Ballroom dances (3-5) 8 Asleep (4) 9 Domestic musical instrument (7,5)

10 Whitener (6) 12 Stressful (6) 14 Pillage (12)

18 Scandinavian capital (4) 19 Rebound (8)

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20 Irish county (5) 21 Hankering (3)

DOWN Carnal (7)

Hoarder (5) Compactness (7) Middle Eastern country (5) Distance (6) 11 Wine-jar (7)

12 Roofing material (6) 13 Yellowish cloth (7) 15 Racecourse (5) 16 Move unsteadily (5) 17 Fidgety (5)

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Pally, 4 Said (Palisade), 8 Know-all, 9 Liner, 10 Amen, 11 Dog-eared, 12 Contributions, 15 Blessing, 17 Posy, 20 Smear, 21 Incisor, 22 Tyne, 23 Groom. DOWN: 1 Phone-in, 2 Lead, 3 Yellow bunting, 4 Salient, 5 Inner, 6 Okra, 7 Trades, 12 Cubism, 13 Reserve, 14 Opossum, 16 Every, 18 Yard, 19 Echo.

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BBC1

25 Children's BBC: Playdays (R) (S) (8272570). 3.4 Starhill Ponies (S) (4808334). 3.55 Hububb (R) (S) (5378599). 4.10 The Adventures of Shirley Holmes (S) (T) (7038792). 4.35 The Demon Headmaster (F) (T) (7277315). 5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (5209112). 5.10 Blue Peter (S) (T) (2060711).

5.35 Neighbours. Sarah is shocked to discover photo of herself (S) (T) (242112).

News; Weather (T) (792)

6.30 Regional News (T) (604).

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7.00 Tomorrow's World. A machine that can analyse the act of bowling in cricket - which is more than can be said of England's batsmen (S) (T) (9841).

7.30 EastEnders. Roy gets his lest results - one of the less enthralling storylines of recent times (S) (T) (228).

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8.00 Changing Rooms. Though described as the "ultimate interior design challenge", it is, unfortunately, not the last in the series, Carol Smillie supervises a crime against leopard skin in Eitham (R) (S) (T) (5889). **6.30 Eattersea Dogs' Home** (S) (T) (524334).

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9.35 Men Behaving Badly. Tony's sexuality is called into question (R) (S) (T) (275082).

10.00 They Think It's All Over. Michael Owen and David Coulihard join the testosteronic berk-fest (S) (T) (32334)

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10.30 Herry Enfield's Tolevision Programme. Once more unto the catchphrase (R) (S) (T) (41082).

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1.00 Film 99 with Jonathan Ross. Reviews of Nicolas Cage in 6mm and Kevin Costner in Message in a Bottle (S) (T) (794137).

11.35 HIGH To Protect and Serve (Eric Weston 1992 Swi). Watchable corruption-and-murder police drama, with C Thomas Howell (S) (698792).

BBC2

6.45 World Snooker Championship. David Vine introduces action from the Embassy World Championship at the Crucible in Shoftield as Ron O'Sullivan squares up to Leo Fernandez (S) (794)

7.30 Leviathan. Dennis Waterman traces the allegedly "fascinating history" of snooker, while Mark Urban puts the conflict in Kosovo Into context (S) (T) (570).

7.30

8.30 Home Front. Anne McKevitt reveals her vision of a millennium kitchen at the BBC Good Homes Show in Birmingham... good grief (S) (T) (5266).

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12.00 Despatch Box (S) (86445). 12.30 BBC Learning Zone:
OU: Sickle Cell - a Leithal Advantage (T) (58174). 1.00 The
KT Event (T) (18193). 1.30 The Nature of Impacts and
Their Impacts on Nature (T) (59984). 2.00 Schools:
Primary PSHE (23735). 4.00 Lenguages: Business
Language Special (61377). 5.00 Business and Training:
So You Want to Work in Social Cere? (84648), 5.30 20
Steps to Better Management (7309984). 5.45 OU: Nerves

(5) (776236), 7.00 Children's BBC: Noddy in Toyland (5) (48044), 7.30 Top Cat (R) (877184), 7.85 Trading Places – French Exchange (R) (S) (1) (8036334), 8.20 Destardly and Mutlley (R) (4161957), 8.45 Polka Dot Shorts (3223985), 8.85 Small Stories (R) (1862316), 9.00 The Geography Programme Shorts (S) (4762353), 9.10 Number time (S) (4769889), 9.28 Folk Dance (S) (9304985), 9.45 Words and Pictures (S) (7112315), 10.00 Telefubbles (R) (S) (33624), 10.30 Number lime (S) (3760860), 10.45 Cats' Eyes (S) (828241), 11.05 Number Adventures (S) (6118476), 11.20 The Geography Programme (S) (6118421), 11.40 Science in Action (S) (2018689), 12.00 Shakespeare – the Animated Tales (39247), 12.30 Working Lunch (57131), 1.00 Brum (R) (S) (38962353), 1.10 World Snooker Champtonship (S) (8104518), 2.30 Beautiful Things (5085150), 2.40 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (8054957), 2.45 Westminster (S) (T) (7400678), 3.55 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (7842773).

4.00 World Snooker Championship. Stephen Lee vs John Lardner, and Stephen Hendry vs Paul Hunter (S) (6518).

8.00 The Naked Chef. With Jamle Oliver, the latest thresome novelty chef, who has temporarily cornered market in being not very old. Tonight, the little squirt cooks for his sister's hen night (S) (T) (6131).

9.00 Red Dwarf VIII. Rimmer

Newsnight. With Jeremy Paxman (T) (344599)

11.25 (NIONA) The Pull of the City. Is London rejecting its citizens? See Documentary of the Day, below (S) (127179).

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. The Enterprise comes across the USS Yosemite whose entire crew seems to be either dead or missing (R) (S) (T) (938315).

) In Sheffield as Ronnie Fernandez (S) (794228)

universe - if that's a metapho Is good advice (S) (T) (4632).

9.30 World Snooker Championship. Ronnie O'Sullvan locks cues again with Leo Fernandez and Alan McManus "plays to a finish" against Crucible legend Jimmy White (S) (1766686).

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<u>WIDIG</u> The Big Match - Usfa Champions'
Loague Live: Juventus vs Manchester United.
Inwrap your lea and take the phone of the hook for the season so far. Bob Wilson presents of the second leg uinifinal against Juventus. The Junited have to score to qualify sier said than done as Juventus

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11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (T) (919082). **ight** (T) (804711). **11.30** The Big Match – ns' League Highlights (T) (678063).

131111 Farewell, My Lovely (Dick Richards 1975 US). Third splendid adaptation of Raymond Chandler's novel, with Robert Mitchum and Charlotte Rampling (121377).

2,20 The Big Match: Uefa Champions' League:
Bayern Munich v Dynamo Kiev (T) (521280). 4.05
Soundtrax (46299700). 4.15 ITV Nightscreen (8022342).
5.30 ITV News (80700). To 6am.

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O GMTV (267:976), 9.25 Trisha (S) (T) (332427), 10.30 This Morning (T) (7:1552659), 12.20 Your Shout (90:12228), 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather (T) (24:8363), 12.55 London Today (T) (24:93044), 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (4667860), 2.10 Lie Detector (T) (89630131), 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (S) (T) (2831570), 3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (8584179).

Children's ITV: Malsy (5538150). 3.25 The Story Store (R) (S) (6563686). 3.40 Jumanji (R) (S) (T) (2262605). 4.05 Hey Arnold! (R) (S) (T) (7836112). 4.35 Wildtrack (T) (729571).

Mind the Gap. Paul Ross hosts the game show that takes place on a map of the London Underground (247).

London Tonight. Regional news update for the capital and the South-East (T) (860).

Coronation Street. Nick packs his bags for Canada? (S) (T) (4537).

8.00

8.30 She's Gotta Have It. Liza Tarbuck visits London with three local girls looking for that "utility chic" look. British Gas overalls, that sort of thing (T) (6614).

9.00

10.00 Spin City. New series of the Michael J Fox silcom about a New York deputy mayor. Mike becomes a local hero after saving a runaway pram in Central Park (S) (T) (25044).

Lie Detector (T) (4773).

6.00 Dawson's Creek. An all-night study session causes friction and unveils some surprises for Dawson and his friends (T) (67518).

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (S) (T) (417792)

7.55 New Labour, New Language. Donna McPhail asks whatever happened to "Blair's Babes" (367841). **Brookside.** "Is Lindsey prepared for what she has got herself into?" I know a rhetorical question when I hear one (S) (T) (6599).

ER. Dr Ross jeopardises a hospital study, and Doyle accuses Romano of sexual harassment (S) (T) (6024)

10.30 Eurotrash (S) (T) (34792).

11.00 The 11 O'Clock Show. Miss-and-hit comedy satire written on the day of production (T) (7605).

11.30 So Graham Norton (R) (37450). 12.10 Party Monster (2072377). 1.15 Football Italia – Mezzanotte (47797613). 3.30 Transworld Sport (10629). 4.30 Electric Avenue (24754). 5.00 Electric Avenue (29919). To 8am

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THE WEDNESDAY REVIEW
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Sesame Street (R) (17247). 7.00 The Big Breakfast (62624). 9.00 Schools (T) (372869). 11.30 Powerhouse (5353). 12.00 Sesame Street (R) (T) (24315). 12.30 Bewitched (59599). 1.00 Caroline in the City (6571). 1.30 The Three Stooges (16982599).

6.00 5 News and Sport (S) (5532537), 7.00 Wideworld (R) (S) (T) (2482353), 7.30 Milkshakel (S) (2270711), 7.35 Muppet Babies (4601624), 8.00 Havakazoo (R) (S) (8481957), 8.30 Dappledown Farm (R) (S) (8480228), 9.00 The Roseanne Show (S) (5194266), 9.50 Russell Grant's Postcards (8502599), 9.55 The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (838518), 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (489479), 11.10 Leac (3559044), 12.30 Slews at Noon (S) (T) (8484044), 12.30 Family Alfairs (R) (S) (T) (7633583), 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (4452605).

4.00 Fifteen to One (T) (353). **4.30** Countdown (T) (7294082). **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (9049315). 1.35 Channel 4 Racing. Leslie Graham introduces flat racing from Epsom Downs, including the 2.05, 2.35 (Blue Alband Trial Stakes), 3.10 and 3.45pm races (69235624).

5.30 Pet Rescue. Fluffy distress compilation with some of the best rescues from the first series (T) (889).

3.10 IIIII Sphinx (Franklin J Schatiner 1981 US). Action adventure nonsense about a female archaeologist dicing with death among the ruins of ancient Egypt. Lesley-Anne Down plays the endangered Indiana-Jones type (3458274)

1.50 McMillan and Wife - Fine Art of Staying Affve. Feature-length edition of the husband-and-wife detective drama (S) (54660624).

6.00 5 News, including First on Five. National and international news with Kirsty Young (S) (T) (6779421)

5.30 100 Per Cent (S) (6789808).

5 News (S) (T) (58893605).

Anne Down (34582711).

6.30 Family Attairs. Donna gives Benjie an anniversary present (S) (T) (6760773).

7.00 Police Squad (2796957).

7,30 Aussie Birds. How the Australian kinglisher and the kookaburra have adapted to their desert habitat (S) (T) (6766957).

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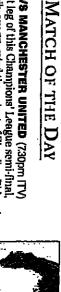
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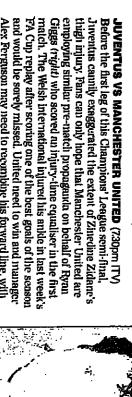
Sheron Stone and Michael Douglas star in the muchgossiped over thriller in which an unconventional cop
(Douglas) falls for a novellst (Stone) who is the chief
suspect in a murder case. The Joe Eszterhas script isn't
one of his best - not a patch on Jagged Edge, for
instance - but the films energy and enthusiasm may be
a good way to come down after the excitement of the
football, it is essentially a rambunctious Verhoeven sex
vehicle, rather than the post-feminist picture that some
made it out to be at the time (S) (T) (84507266).

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12.20 Not the Jack Docherty Show (7272358). 1.00
Live and Dangerous: Major League Baseball (2079008).
4.30 Live and Dangerous: Australian Rules Football
(3125862). 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (S) (8578087). To 6am

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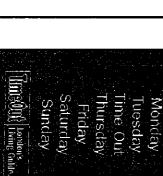
THE PULL OF THE CITY (1)25pm BBC2) the concluding film in this three-part series, capital is turning on its citizens. It opens wit campaigner George Monbiot making an exapley of trying to cross the road in Thafalgar Sportion with the constant of the cons "London Pride",
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FILM OF THE DAY

PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (Bom C5, right) Beaten to the punch by Robert Zemeckis's Back to the Future a year earlier, Francis Ford Coppola's funny and wise piece of time-travel nostalgia is no less enjoyable. The premise, however, is the exact opposite with Kathleen Turner actively trying to shape the future through temporal tampering with the past. On the verge of divorce from her caffish husband Nicolas Cage, she goes to a high-school reunion, faints on stage and returns to her childhood where middle-aged sassiness enables her to wheedle a better deal for herself later in life. Cage is supert, while Turner is well worth her Oscar nomination.





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